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TO-DAY'S DOLLAR. — The
closing rate of the dollar on
demand, to-day was 10%.

A SECRET?

An Irish Motorist thinks that the
Dunlop Rubber Company possess a
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WORLD'S LONGEST AIRWAY.

8,000 Miles From
Britain to Africa.
GREAT TRUNK AIR-LINE.

The first sections of the 8,000
miles air-line between Britain and
South Africa are to be opened by
Imperial Airways shortly.

Seas, rivers, forests, and
jungles, together with vast
straggles of virgin bush and
swamp, lie along the route of this
great trunk air-line, the longest
and most perfectly-equipped in
the world.

The operation of the African
section will be confined, for the
first few months, to the stages
between Cairo and Mwanza, but
by midsummer, 1931, the full
5,700 miles will be flown from
Cairo through to Cape Town.

The time-table for the route,
when it is in full operation, will
enable passengers to fly from
London to Cape Town in 11 days,
as compared with 17 days by sur-
face transport. Three days will
be occupied on the European and
Mediterranean stages, and eight
days on the sections across Africa.

New Imperial Airways ma-
chines of the Handley Page type,
driven by four engines develop-
ing a total of 2,200 horse-power,
and carrying 38 passengers in
luxuriously-equipped saloons, are
to be used on the sections from
across Europe, transporting tra-
vellers air-bound for India as well
as those flying to Africa. These
great machines, weighing nearly
13 tons, attain a maximum speed
of 120 miles an hour, and can
cruise for long distances at 105
miles an hour.

Above the Nile.
At Cairo African-bound pas-
sengers will enter an Armstrong-
Siddley "Argosy" airliner for
their journey on to Khartoum.
Here, for the trip above the Nile
and the African lakes to Kisumu,
a big shot "Calcutta" flying-boat
will be employed. Then, for the
final stages to Cape Town, the
machine employed will be the
Havilland "Hercules" craft.

The use of large multi-engined
aircraft throughout the route will
ensure a maximum of reliability.
If any one power-unit should fail
while in the air—a contingency
very unlikely in these days of en-
gine reliability—a pilot will be
able to fly on, with his remaining
engines, until he reaches some
main or intermediate air-station.
This represents a safety-factor of
extreme importance, implying, as
it does, an immunity from any
risk of a forced landing in open
country, away from any estab-
lished landing-ground.

During its first phase the air-
way will operate only on a day-
flying basis, but it should not be
long before certain sections are
flown by night, enabling consid-
erable accelerations to be effected
in the time-schedules. The latest
types of night-flying equipment
are being installed.

Along the main route from
Cairo to Capetown as many as 27
main air-stations have been pro-
vided, while there will be, in ad-
dition, approximately 30 inter-
mediate stations where regular
calls will not be made, but which
will be available always when re-
quired.

Heart of Virgin Bush.
Many intermediate landing
points have had to be cleared in
the heart of virgin bush, while at
a number of the main stations
hotels have been built by the
Company for the accommodation
of aerial travellers. The ground
organisation also includes hang-
ars, workshops, wireless and
meteorological departments, and
quarters for the airway staff.

At seventeen of the stations
along the route there are wireless
stations. The most compre-
hensive airway wireless system ever
evolved, has, in fact, been perfect-
ed in connection with the route.
Never once, while in flight along
this entire African airway, will
aircraft be out of touch with
ground stations. Long and
short-wave communication will be
employed, and messages between
aircraft and ground stations will
be by both telephony and tele-
phony.

The transmitting and receiving
stations will be employed not only
in keeping in constant touch with
the aircraft in flight, but will
provide wireless bearings enabling
a pilot to determine his exact po-
sition at any moment. Meteorolo-

WAGE REDUCTION REFUSED.

Nine Thousand Workers
to Lose Jobs.
STEEL WORKS CLOSE DOWN.

Cologne, Yesterday.
Eight thousand steel workers
and 1,000 miners will lose their
jobs owing to the decision of the
German Steel Trust to close down
its works in Ruhrortmeiderich,
near Duisburg. The Trade Unions
have refused to allow the men to
accept the employers' offer to
continue working at a wage re-
duction of 20 per cent.—Reuter.

CRACKER FIRING.

DELINQUENTS BEFORE THE
MAGISTRATE.

FINES IMPOSED.

Three further cases concern-
ing the firing of crackers in streets to
the danger of the public were
brought before Mr. Schofield in
the Central Police Court this
morning.

In the first case, a Chinese said
that he threw the crackers into the
sea from Main Street, Aber-
deen.

Sergeant Cunningham stated
that the crackers were very big
ones, and throwing them into the
sea was as bad as throwing them
on land, because there was a
swarm of sampans along the
praya during the Chinese New
Year. His Worship fined defend-
ant \$20.

In the next case, Sergeant
Brittain stated that he was walk-
ing along Queen's Road East yester-
day morning, at about 8.30.
Just outside house No. 192A, a
packet of crackers was thrown to
the pavement, and exploded with-
in a yard of him. There was a lot
of people about at the time. A
fine of \$20 was imposed.

A Chinese pleaded guilty to
having fired crackers in Lee Tung
Street, and was also fined \$20.
Sergeant Brittain said that de-
fendant was caught by an Indian
Sergeant throwing the crackers
in the air to the danger of many
pedestrians and motor traffic.

TRADE MISSION.

GUESTS OF CHINESE CHAMBER
OF COMMERCE.

Members of the British Econ-
omic Mission and a few other
guests were entertained at a ban-
quet by the Chinese Chamber of
Commerce in the Kam Ling Re-
staurant last night.

The Chairman of the Mission,
Sir Ernest Thompson, expressed
his appreciation of meeting the
leading Chinese merchants in
Hong Kong and said he would al-
ways remember what an exceed-
ingly good Chinese dinner had
been put before them.

On behalf of the Chamber of
Commerce, Mr. Li Yick-mui, the
Chairman, welcomed the guests,
and wished them a bright and
prosperous future.

gical reports, compiled by experts
at the ground stations, will also
be wireless to pilots while in
flight, thus enabling them to as-
certain the nature of the weather
lying immediately ahead.

Wireless Installation.
In each of the aircraft will be
a wireless installation giving the
machine, when in flight, a range
of approximately 300 miles.
While the machine is flying, the
dynamo operating this set will be
driven by a small air-screw.

When the machine is on the
ground, should it be necessary to
send messages, the dynamo will
be operated by a small 2-stroke
motor.

Telegraphy and telephony will
be in the 900-metres wave-length,
which is the standard aircraft
wave as agreed by the Washing-
ton Conference and the Inter-
national Convention for Air
Navigation.

A HUSBAND'S WILL.

WIFE MUST BE PROPERLY
PROVIDED FOR.

PRIVATE BILL.

London, Yesterday.
The House of Commons to-day
passed the second reading of a
private Bill submitted by Miss
Rathborne (Independent) setting
forth that a husband in his will
must properly provide for the
support of his wife, also any of
his children whose age neces-
sitates parental support. The
division resulted:—

For 149
Against 28

Majority 121

The Bill similarly affects the
wills of wives.

On the Solicitor-General's pro-
posal the measure was referred to
a joint Parliamentary Committee
for consideration before the Gov-
ernment is prepared to facilitate
its passage into law.—Reuter.

ORDER FOR PRINCES

DECORATED BY PRESIDENT OF
BOLIVIA.

SPEECH IN SPANISH.

La Paz, Yesterday.

The Prince of Wales and Prince
George arrived by train, and were
enthusiastically welcomed by thou-
sands of people.

The provisional President, Gen-
eral Blanco Galindo, decorated
them in the palace with the Grand
Order of the Condor of the Andes.
The Prince of Wales made a
speech in Spanish dwelling on
Anglo-Bolivian friendship.—Reu-
ter's American Service.

IN BANKRUPTCY.

WEAVING FACTORY CREDITORS'
MEETING.

The following notifications are
published in the Government
Gazette:—

No. 4 of 1931.
Notices of Receiving Order an.
First General Meeting of
Creditors.

Re Wong Shun-wai carrying on
business as the Cheung Shun
Weaving and Spinning Factory of
Nos. 349 to 357 (old number),
Portland Street, Mongkoktsui.
Petition dated January 23, 1931.
Receiving order dated February
13, 1931.

Thursday, February 26, at 10.30
a.m. has been fixed for the first
general meeting of creditors in
the above matter, to be held at
the Official Receiver's Office.

The creditors will be asked to
consider whether the debtor firm
shall be adjudged bankrupt.

No. 5 of 1931.

Re The Hop Cheong Navigation
Co., of No. 69, Connaught Road
West (2nd floor).

Petition dated February 3, 1931.
Receiving order dated February
13, 1931.

Thursday, February 26, at 11.30
a.m. has been fixed for the first
general meeting of creditors, in
the above matter, to be held at
the Official Receiver's Office.

The creditors will be asked to
consider whether the debtor firm
shall be adjudged bankrupt.

"DECADE OF DEFENCE."

Soviet's Promotion A Military
Knowledge.

An All-Soviet Conference of
Secretaries of the Osoaviakhim
(Society of Aerial and Chemical
Defence) has been opened in
Moscow to consider the results of
the "decade of defence," organized
from November 15 to November 25
throughout the U.S.S.R.

"SLAVES" IN HONG KONG

"SHOCKING" STATE
OF AFFAIRS?

SIMON'S ATTACK.

"LECTURING TO
OTHER PEOPLE."

London, Yesterday.

In a speech at Oxford to-day,
Sir John Simon, after referring to
the tremendous amount of slavery
in China, alluded to the position
of Hong Kong, and said that he
felt that, in spite of the efforts
made, there existed there a con-
dition under which children, espe-
cially girls attached to particular
employers, were under conditions
indistinguishable from slavery.
He added: "Don't let's spend
all our time lecturing to other
people. See first if we can get
rid of all the slavery in the areas
under our control, and thus set an
example to the rest of the world."
—Reuter.

[Sir John Simon, who is the
son of a Congregational Minister
and a Liberal, is a Barrister of
the Inner Temple. He was Chair-
man of the Indian Statutory Com-
mission from 1927-30, and has
acted as Solicitor-General, At-
torney-General, and Secretary of
State for Home Affairs (1916-16).
He has never lived in China. In
1917 he married Miss Kathleen
Manning, who published a book
called "Slavery" in 1929.]

SOME DRIZZLE.

The weather report issued
by the Royal Observatory at
10.40 a.m. to-day states:—
The anti-cyclone is central
over S. Manchuria.

Fresh monsoon is along the
S.E. coast of China and a
moderate monsoon over the
N. China Sea.

Forecast:—N.E. winds,
fresh, moderate generally;
overcast; some drizzle or
mist.

LONDON'S WELCOME FOR MOTORIST

Lord Mayor Heads the
Enthusiasts.

MINISTER'S TRIBUTE.

London, Yesterday.

After a triumphant ar-
rival at the gaily decor-
ated Waterloo Railway Sta-
tion, where he was welcomed
by an enthusiastic crowd headed
by the Lord Mayor, Sir Malcolm
Campbell motored to Westminster
Hall, where he was officially
welcomed by the Government.

The ancient hall was flooded by
a white glare of arc lights for
photographers and film operators.
An enormous crowd cheered and
shouted "Good old Campbell."
Mr. Herbert Morrison, Minister
of Transport, in an official wel-
come, paid a tribute to the
achievement, which, he said,
would enhance British prestige
and the outstanding efficiency of
British engineering.

Sir Malcolm Campbell in an
interview, said: "I have not given
up motor racing and it is not un-
likely that I have given up record
breaking attempts."—Reuter.

RIO GRANDE FLOODS

RAIL AND ROAD TRAFFIC
INTERRUPTED.

Buenos Aires, Yesterday.

Torrential rains in the province
of Cordoba have caused the Rio
Grande to overflow its banks, and
wide tracts of land are flooded.
A number of persons have been
drowned, while rail and road traffic
is interrupted.
The Government has despatched
troops to carry out life work in
the flooded area.—Reuter's Ameri-
can Service.

GRADUATE'S FLIGHT.

ATTEMPT TO BEAT RECORD OF
KINGSFORD SMITH.

HELD UP BY WEATHER.

Lyons, Yesterday.

A young Cambridge graduate,
Fairbairn, who left London yester-
day in a light aeroplane in the
attempt to beat Air Commander
Kingsford Smith's record to Aus-
tralia, has been held up by un-
favourable weather.—Reuter.

ITALIAN FLIGHT.

ENDS IN AN EMBRACE FOR
BALBO.

ROME EXCITED.

Rome, Yesterday.

Signor Mussolini warmly em-
braced the Air Minister, Signor
Balbo, who with his aerial
colleagues was vociferously wel-
comed by the beflagged Capital on
his return from the trans-Atlantic
flight.—Reuter.

NEW OIL BASE.

AGREEMENT CONCLUDED WITH
TURKEY.

NAPHTHA SYNDICATE.

Moscow, Yesterday.

The Naphtha Syndicate has
concluded the agreement with
Constantinople Municipality for
the construction of an oil base in
Constantinople at a cost of 600,000
Turkish pounds.—Reuter.

CONSULATE GUTTED

JAPANESE OFFICE IN CHANG
CHUN DESTROYED.

NO CASUALTIES.

Tokyo, Yesterday.

A message from Changchun
states that the Japanese Consul-
ate there was completely destr-
oyed by fire last night. The cause
is unknown. There were no
casualties.—Reuter.

MISS ENGLAND II.

KAYE DON TO DEFEND
SEGRAVE'S RECORD.

TERRIFIC SPEED.

London, Yesterday.

Kaye Don has sailed for Buenos
Aires to defend Sir H. Segrave's
water speed record, in Lord Wake-
field's motor-boat Miss England
Second, during the international
motor-boat regatta arranged in
connection with the British Em-
pire trade exhibition.

Kaye Don in an interview
pointed out that Miss England
had never been driven on full
throttle, and nobody could say
what she would do when going all
out.—Reuter.

LABOUR BILL.

RIGHTS OF WORKERS TO
ORGANISE.

PRESENTED IN JAPAN.

Tokyo, Yesterday.

The Labour Union Bill, recog-
nising the right of workers to
organise and resort to collective
action within specified limits, has
been presented by the Govern-
ment in the Lower House.

Hitherto the unions have exist-
ed on sufferance only, no legal re-
cognition being accorded them.
For the purpose of allaying the
fears of the capitalists, the Gov-
ernment is also preparing a com-
plementary Bill aiming at control
of labour disputes.—Reuter.

SILVER PURCHASE.

\$1,000,000 WORTH PROPOSED
BY LABOUR.

Canberra, Yesterday.

A delegation from the Australian
Council of the Trade Union Con-
gress, in Sydney, has arrived to
demand a declaration of a state of
national emergency, refused by Mr.
Scullin. Mr. Theodore and Mr.
Brennan, the Attorney-General.
The measure yesterday that the
Labour caucus proposed the pur-
chase of a million lb. of silver was
incorrect. It should have been
\$1,000,000 worth of silver.—Reuter.

EXPLOITS OF A MAD MULLAH.

British Officer Killed
During Skirmish.

REBEL FANATIC.

Sierra Leone, Yesterday.

The exploits of a West African
"Mad Mullah," a Mohammedan
named Idara, from French
Guinea, have ended with death
for himself and four followers and
Lieutenant Holmes, of the Royal
West African Frontier Force.

Idara gained influence as a
zealous convert of simple
natives in Kambia to Islam, in
which he was assisted by his
ability to perform conjuring
tricks. He thereafter persuaded
the natives to defy the Commis-
sioner. The latter eventually
served Idara with a deportation
order.

Idara attacked the Commis-
sioner's clerk with a drawn sword
and threatened to kill the Commis-
sioner, and for this purpose col-
lected a force armed with swords,
cutlasses, and guns.

A platoon of the Frontier Force
left for Kambia headed by Brit-
ish officers and one N.C.O.,
Lieutenant Holmes. They were
ambushed, while a visiting
sentry post was cut to pieces by
the fanatics with swords. The
troops thereupon shot and killed
four rebels.

It was subsequently learned
that Idara himself was killed.
The military forces were re-
inforced and as a result the ring-
leaders were arrested. Other
malcontents are dispersing.
Orthodox Mohammedans refused
to participate in Idara's insur-
rection.—Reuter.

EXPORT OF TIN.

REGULATION APPROVED BY
GOVERNMENT.

EXCESSIVE RISES.

London, Yesterday.

In the House of Commons, re-
plying to questions, Dr. Drum-
mond Shiels stated that the
Government had approved in
principle of the Governments of
Malaya and Nigeria legislating
to regulate the production and
export of tin, as from March 1,
subject to the Secretary of State
being satisfied with the details
for an international scheme, after
negotiations with representatives of
the Dutch Indies and Bolivian Gov-
ernments, and on the understanding
that the working of the restriction
scheme be controlled by a com-
mittee of representatives of the
four Governments concerned,
whereby the interests of consumers
will be protected against any ex-
cessive rise in price.

Mr. G. R. Strauss (Lab.) ask-
ed how frequently the quota might
be varied, and Dr. Shiels replied
that it would be periodically, but
the actual periods would be
settled after consultation with the
international interests concerned.
—Reuter.

FIRE ON P. & O. LINER

CARGO AND DECK BADLY
DAMAGED.

NO CASUALTIES.

Tokyo, Yesterday.

A message from Fusan states
that a fire broke out in one of the
first class cabins on the P. & O.
s.s. Khiva, bound for Dairen, yester-
day afternoon off the Korean
coast.

Part of the deck was destroyed,
and the cargo was seriously dam-
aged, before the flames were quelled.
There were no casualties, and
the ship is continuing the voyage
under her own power.—Reuter.

(The Khiva, of 9,185 tons, is on
the Japan-Europe run, and is sched-
uled to leave Hong Kong for
Marseilles and London on March
7.)

COMPANIES DEFUNCT?

It is notified that at the expira-
tion of three months from date the
Sai Nam Steamship Company,
Limited, and the Jack A. Tai & Com-
pany, Limited, will, unless cause is
shown to the contrary, be struck off
the Register of Companies, and be
dissolved.

SHOTS FIRED AT KING ZOGU.

Narrow Escape in
Vienna.

COMPANION KILLED.

Vienna, Yesterday.

Two men fired shots at King
Zogu as he was leaving the Opera
House. A member of his suite
was killed, but King Zogu escaped.
His assailants were arrested.
King Zogu is undergoing treat-
ment here for internal disorders,
attributed to excessive smoking.
—Reuter.

[King Zogu, formerly Mr.
Ahmed Beg Zogu, President of
the Albanian Republic which was
proclaimed in 1917, was proclai-
med King on September 26, 1928.
He was born on October 8, 1895,
and is a Moslem by religion and
hereditary chieftain of the Mali
Clan. He is assisted in the ad-
ministration by a Council of
Ministers headed by a Prime
Minister. The territory known as
Albania was made up of the old
Turkish Provinces of Scutari and
of Yanina. The independence of
Albania was proclaimed in 1912
and subsequently a European
Prince, William of Wied, was
nominated to rule it in 1914.

After the outbreak of the Euro-
pean War the Prince and nearly
all the members of the Inter-
national Commission who ap-
pointed him left the country,
which fell into a state of anarchy.
A Republic was then proclaimed
which lasted until 1928, in which
year it was changed into a
monarchy.]

MRS. BRUCE.

RETURN OF BRITISH
AVIATRIX.

ESCORTED BY "ARMY."

London, Yesterday.

After a world flight of 27,000
miles from London to Tokyo and
back, via the United States, Mrs.
Victor Bruce arrived at Croydon
aerodrome at noon, escorted from
Lympe by Miss Amy Johnson
and Miss Winifred Spooner, as
well as well-known airmen.

She was welcomed by Mr.
Montague, Under Secretary for
Air. Her aeroplane is covered
with autographs from all over the
world, including

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COMPANY MEETINGS

THE BANK OF EAST ASIA, LIMITED.
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the TWELFTH ORDINARY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Registered Office of the Company, No. 10, Des Voeux Road Central, at 3.00 p.m. on SATURDAY, February 21, 1931, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ending December 31, 1930.
The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from SATURDAY, February 14, to SATURDAY, February 21, 1931 (both days inclusive), during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.
By Order of the Board of Directors.
KAN TONG FO,
Chief Manager.
Hong Kong, February 4, 1931.

HUMPHREYS ESTATE & FINANCE CO., LTD.
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ANNUAL ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Hong Kong Hotel, Hong Kong, on TUESDAY, the 24th February, 1931, at 11.30 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1930.
The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from MONDAY, 16th February to TUESDAY, 24th February, both days inclusive.
JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,
General Managers
Hong Kong, 9th February, 1931.

HONG KONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING OF THE SHAREHOLDERS in this Corporation will be held at the City Hall, Hong Kong, on SATURDAY, the 23rd February, 1931, at 11.30 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Board of Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1930.
The REGISTER OF SHARES of the Corporation will be CLOSED from MONDAY, the 16th February to SATURDAY, the 23rd February, 1931, (both days inclusive), during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.
By Order of the Board of Directors.
V. M. GRAYBURN,
Chief Manager.
Hong Kong, 9th February, 1931.

THE HONG KONG, CANTON & MACAO STEAMBOAT COMPANY, LIMITED.
NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE ONE HUNDRED AND ELEVENTH ORDINARY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the Office of the Company, 1, Queen's Building, Victoria, Hong Kong, on THURSDAY, 5th March, 1931, at 11 a.m., for the purpose of receiving a Report of the Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts, and Electing Directors and Auditors.
The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from FRIDAY, 20th February, 1931, to THURSDAY, 5th March, 1931, both days inclusive, during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.
By Order of the Board of Directors.
JOHN ANNOLD,
Secretary.
Hong Kong, 6th February, 1931.

COMPANY MEETINGS

GREEN ISLAND CEMENT COMPANY, LTD.
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the 42nd ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF Shareholders will be held at the Office of the Company, Exchange Building, Des Voeux Road Central, Victoria, Hong Kong, on WEDNESDAY, the 18th day of March, 1931, at 11.30 a.m. for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Directors for the year ended 31st December, 1930.
The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from WEDNESDAY 4th March, 1931, to WEDNESDAY, 18th March, 1931, both days inclusive.
By Order of the Board of Directors.
ALLAN KEITH,
Secretary.
Hong Kong, 19th February, 1931.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the FORTY-SECOND ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING will be held at the Company's Office, P. & O. Building, on WEDNESDAY, 18th March, 1931, at 11 a.m. for the purpose of presenting the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1930, and electing Directors and Auditors.
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HONG KONG HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY.
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J. T. BAGRAM,
Hon. Secretary,
11, Queen's Road, Central.

TRINITY COLLEGE OF MUSIC, LONDON.

LOCAL EXAMINATIONS.
18th JUNE, 1931.
The Last Day of Entry for Forthcoming Examinations in THEORY & PRACTICAL will be 10th March, 1931. Entry Forms may be obtained from the Local Secretary.
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A. G. INGLIS,

GOVERNMENT NOTICES

PUBLIC AUCTION.
PARTICULARS & CONDITIONS of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on MONDAY, the 23rd day of February, 1931, at 8 p.m., at the Office of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor, of one Lot of Crown Land at Tai Kok Tsui in the Colony of Hong Kong for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 75 years.
PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

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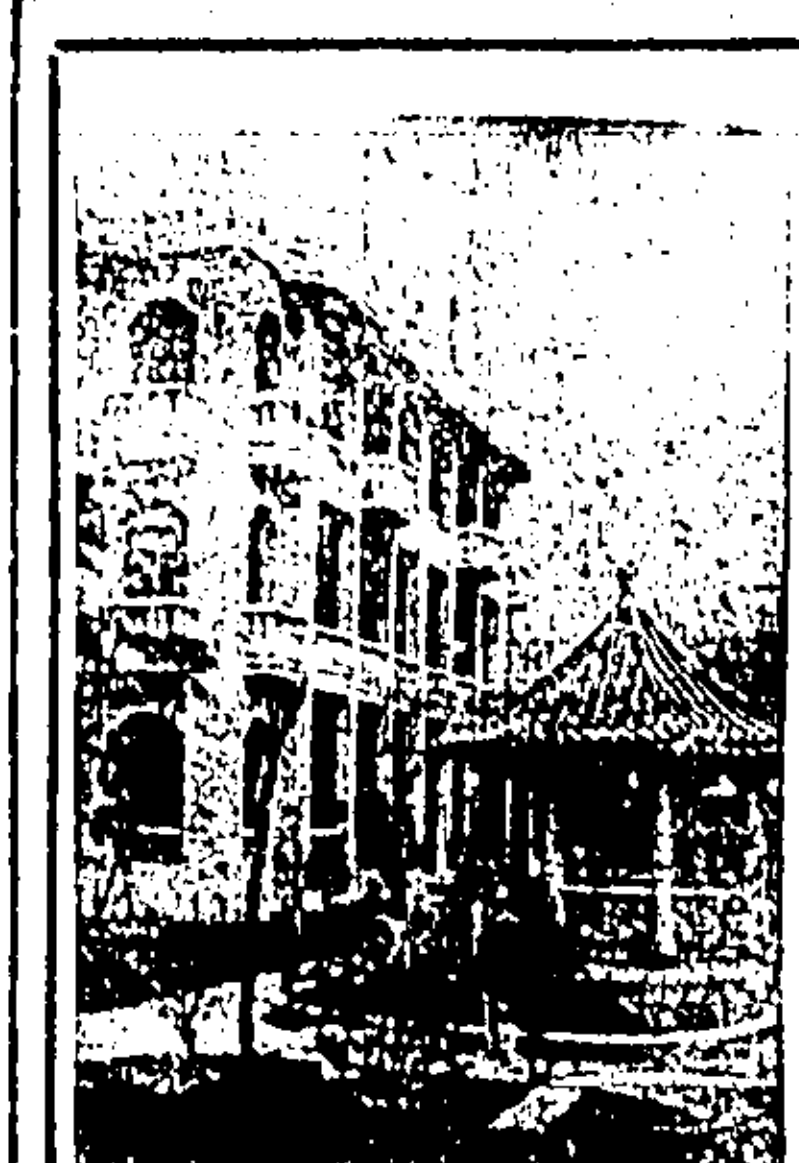
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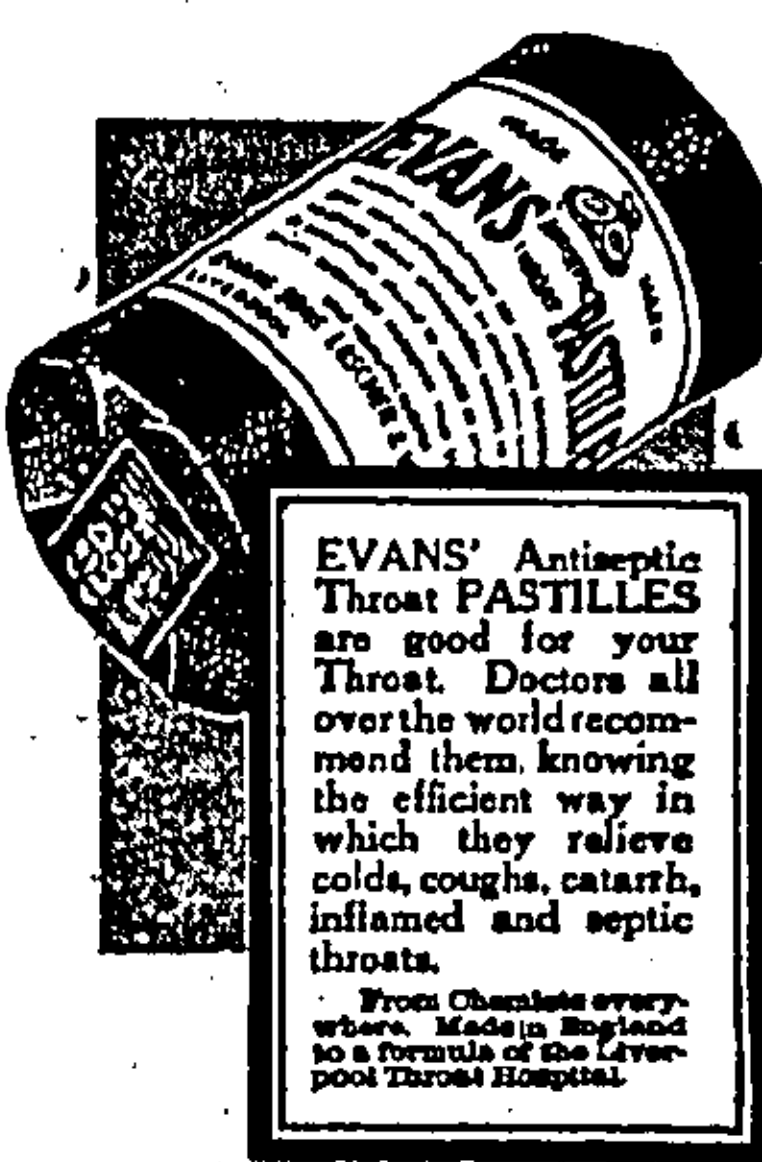
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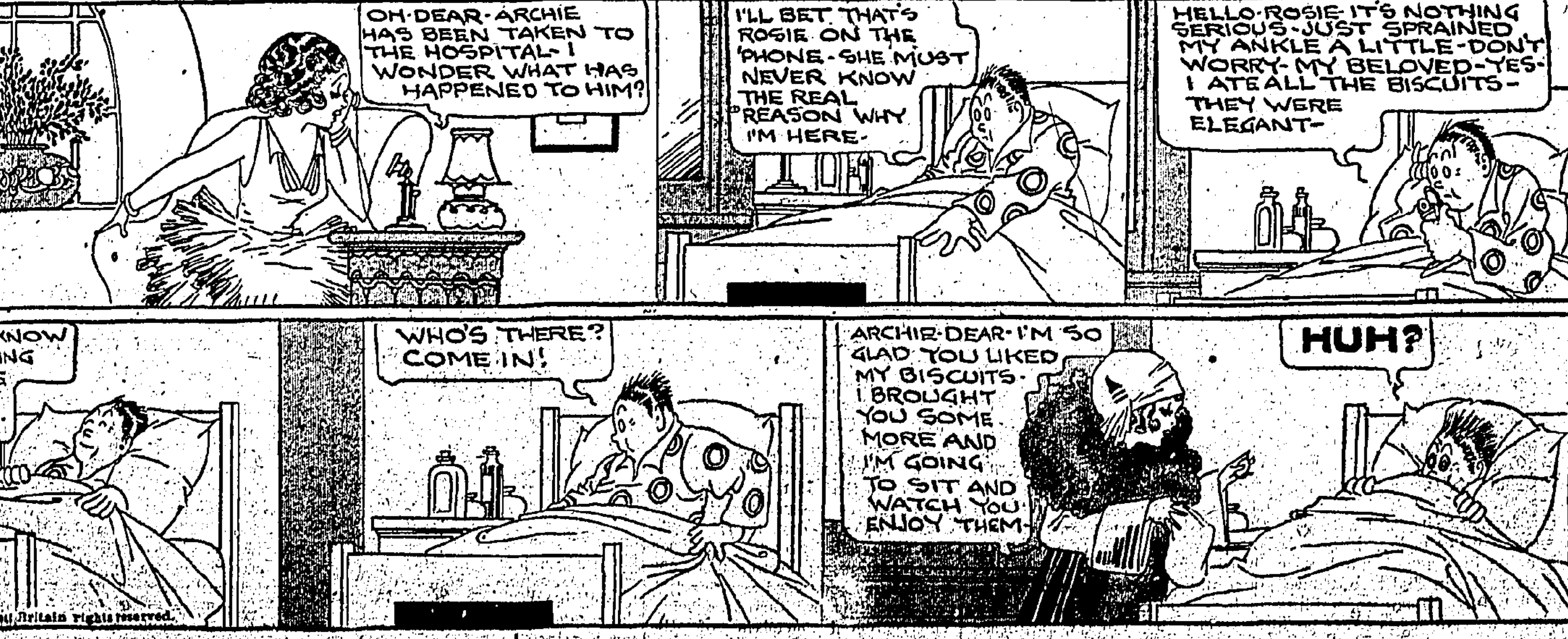
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TWO-IN-ONE ROOMS.

Economy With A Modernist Air.

London, Jan. 9

Every one to-day wants a house with amusing modern decorations and plenty of colour, but not every one can afford to spend great sums on paint schemes and elaborate glass and marble panels.

Lady Cynthia Tothill, sister of Lord Bandon, has managed to make her little house in Connaught Street quite up to the minute on a small outlay with the help of the Marchese Maserida, who has decorated some of London's most novel houses.

Perfectly plain white drawing-paper in sheets has been pasted over the walls of the dining-room, and on this has been painted a whole tribe of small green baboons, very long-tailed, climbing up and down black trees with silver-paper leaves that have been applied.

The curtains are casement cloth, in a deep shade of Royal purple, and the lampshades are carried out in the same scheme.

In a very few moments Lady Cynthia can turn her dining-room into a spare bedroom, for behind a screen are a wardrobe and a wash-hand stand, and a divan covered in a French linen with a design of green fountains upon a white ground becomes a perfectly good bed.

This system of making each room in a small house do double duty has been further carried out in Lady Cynthia's bed-room, which is also a sitting-room, and in her bath-room, which is also a dressing-room and wardrobe for all her clothes.

Green Bamboo.

The bed-sitting room has walls of the exact shade of the under-part of a mushroom, and Lady Cynthia's bed during the day-time has a sea-green moiré cover and lots of cushions in buff, pink and green, while other features of the sitting-room are another big sofa covered in buff-coloured material and tall standard lamps whose shades imitate embroidery on vellum. The design is an Elizabethan one from Hampton Court.

In this case the library has been arranged all round the bed, which is in an alcove, so that the lucky owner is completely surrounded by bookshelves. Just behind is her bath-room, which is most inexpensively yet attractively done with a green rubber floor, yellow chintz curtains, and shelves with strips of glass laid over pieces of the same chintz. In big cupboards here are kept all the clothes and dressing-table accessories.

Only Bets'ann, Lady Cynthia's small daughter, whose name to the uninitiated is Elizabeth Ann, has two whole rooms for her own use,

a night and a day nursery both painted pale green.

Bamboo furniture of the Victorian persuasion, familiar in lodging-houses has been painted green to match in the day nursery, and is precisely what is best for a child, as it is light, and has no awkward corners.

The chief decorations of this room are Bets'ann's toys, which lie on shelves all round the room, so that their small owner can have them in view at the time, instead of having to shut them up in a dark cupboard.

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"British women look marvellous in good tailor-made. It is a pity these are not worn more."

"A very short skirt is hideous."

"Jewellery should be worn only with a plain dress. Wear real jewellery or none at all."

"Unless her clothes are comfortable a woman will not look well in them."

HATS

Part styles to delight any woman who believes hats may make or mar her future. Tilted brims, large brims, small brims and no brims at all, but showing smartness in every line.



TENNIS-WEAR.

Washing silks, some of them with small checks or dots or flower sprigs, are being made up into tennis frocks, completed with smart little cardigans of flannel or velveteen.

Velveteen, please note, is no longer to be associated with dull, cold days only, nor flannel with dull people, that is, so long as it is worn outside.

Often hats made of the same silk are worn with these frocks for tennis garb, it seems, is becoming less conventional.

Indeed, most attractive tennis outfit comprised a pleated skirt of white marcella, an open-neck white silk shirt, with an artist's bow tie, spotted pink and green, and a white wool Eton jacket, very correctly tailored, that had a border of pink and yellow flowers worked in wool.

Tennis shoes are interesting, too, and often strike a vivid note of course, with the rest of the scheme. Sometimes they are carried out in two coloured canvas, and sometimes in white buckskin with leather strappings.

HAT ORNAMENTS.

Heavy ornaments for hats are taboo. Instead, dainty oddments earn respect because they are original, and milliners are busy experimenting with new, fragile ornaments on model millinery. A hat composed of dozens of tiny strips of black felt shows the narrow brim weighted on one side by balls of tiny pink beads, looking like strange grapes. There is one "bunch" above the brim, and another directly underneath. A much simpler design is a model on turban lines, with two green oblongs, reminiscent of an earring, dangling at one side only.

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CARVED CORAL.

Jewellery For The New Season.

Paris, Jan. 9.

Diamonds and pearls are coming into their own to combine a flashing detail with a graceful evening mode. These jewels are strung in single or double rows. It is at the New Year in Paris that a few smart women present a new evening line or detail in advance of the Spring and Summer season. They are but slight glimpses into an alluring beyond as actual styles are rarely revealed before the end of January. Nevertheless a note like the restringing of lustrous pearls with old family diamonds indicates the wearing of beautiful fabrics for evening.

A choker round of fairly large pearls alternated with diamonds has already appeared to look effective with a dinner gown. More elaborate necklaces, however, are being wrought with single strings of gems across the back and two short rows of contrasting stones graduated to hang one above the other in front. Small coloured pieces of unusual design used to join diamonds and pearls together will also achieve variety for special dress effects.

Carved coral beads interspersed with pearls are being got ready to oust the turquoise not from white. This rejection applies to daytime modes as well, with the prophecy that white beads of every type, glass, wood, china, and composition, are to be worn with black and brown.

Evening necklaces, bags and shoe buckles, are allied to melt in one with the general colour scheme of a gown. Diamonds, or brilliants, enhance the platinum mount and silver buckles of bags and shoes when the chosen necklace is largely composed of diamonds.

A beautiful evening bag model notable for its inconspicuous size closes on a severe line of glittering rows above white jet set in vertical lines. Another indicates a large piece of carved coral closing a semi-circular mount studded with pearls.

Great distinction marks these evening accessories, which are carried in the hand and do not dangle from a strap of any sort.

There is little doubt that the best of the "couturier" jewellery will remain, and this suggests a great loveliness in new designs. These designs promise to effect a positive change from the mass of glittering glass which has been going through a slow phase of suppression.



COSTUME ILLUSTRATES NAME

An evening wrap that illustrates the wearer's name with an enormous velvet bow beneath the chin, was selected by Clara Bow for her starring role in Paramount's picture, "No Limit." Fashioned in black panne velvet, the white fox trimmed over-cape utilizes the colossal bow with striking effects.



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SHIPPING ACTS.

VIEWS OF THE HOME INDUSTRY.

The shipping industry was invited to give evidence before the Committee appointed by the Lord Chancellor to consider the legislative and judicial powers of departments and departmental bodies—the Committee is generally known as the Committee by the Ship-owners' Parliamentary Committee. The memorandum points out that, to a greater extent, perhaps, than any other industry, shipping is the subject of special legislation, regulation, and supervision principally designed to promote safety of life at sea. The administration of the great bulk of this is entrusted to the Board of Trade and dealt with by the Merchant Marine Department of the Board, costing, at present, approximately £400,000 per annum. Shipping is also seriously affected by the powers of making regulations and of administration vested in other departments. Indeed, there is scarcely a Department of State whose powers of promoting legislation or making regulations and administration do not affect shipping at one time or another.

The essentials to successful legislation affecting shipping correspond with the elementary principles of democratic Government. The legislation should be based on full knowledge, practical, economic, and technical; it should commend itself to the general body of those upon whom it will rest the obligations which it involves; it should be capable of adjustment with the development and changes that take place. It is generally recognized that there is a definite and practical limit on the power of Parliament to legislate without delegating powers to legislate on details. The Merchant Shipping Acts constitute the main body of legislation governing shipping.

The memorandum states that in the past rigid standards and hard-and-fast regulations imposed by Acts of Parliament have reacted disastrously on British shipping, out under the Act of 1906 those standards and regulations were largely abandoned, and in their place were substituted rules and regulations to be made by the Board of Trade. The powers of the department were thereby greatly increased, but the control was placed on a basis which enabled it to be adjusted to the ever-changing conditions under which the industry was being developed and carried on. The exercise by the department of its powers has from time to time given great concern to those responsible for British shipping, imposing as they do serious financial responsibility upon the owners, and affecting British shipping in its competition in world trade, which is essentially international. There has, however, in recent years, been very close consultation between the Board of Trade and representatives of the interests concerned, especially through the Merchant Shipping Advisory Committee, which was established under the Act of 1906.

Partly because of this close co-operation between the department and those concerned and partly as a result of the efforts which have been made by the Government and the industry to secure international agreement in relation to the laws and regulations governing shipping under all flags, the general feeling of the industry is that, on the whole, departmental control through regulations has worked as well as could be expected, and that, on the other hand, where Parliament has been specific, harm has sometimes been done by rigidity.

The memorandum suggests that where an international agreement in relation to shipping regulations has been secured, the Convention should be adopted as a whole by Parliament and powers to make regulations to give effect to and in accordance with the Convention should not be paraphrased in the Act of Parliament. Clauses in Acts of Parliament which prevent questions being raised as to whether the provisions of orders and administrative acts are within or without the powers conferred by Parliament are, it is felt, strongly to be deprecated, but international conventions should be interpreted by our law courts, as all other treaties are interpreted by international tribunals, and not in accordance with the rigid rules of construction applied to Acts of Parliament. If need be, the law courts should have regard to the records of the international conferences at which the conventions were framed.

Provisions requiring Orders in Council and regulations to be laid before Parliament for a reasonable number of days while the House is

sitting are considered to be generally desirable, and seem inherent in a democratic form of Government. While such provisions will rarely enable objectors successfully to oppose regulations, for the reason that the Government will not be unnaturally applied to uphold the authority of the Government, they are one of the most effective forms of guaranteeing prior consultation between the departments concerned and the interests affected. Importance is also attached to the principle that where there is a dispute between a department or a subject it is undesirable that the department should be the final judge in its own cause. Generally speaking, there ought to be a resort to the law courts to arbitration, and, in the latter case, the form of arbitration provided should be such as to satisfy the subject that the arbitrator is independent and that his decision will not be arrived at without all the facts being taken into consideration and the views of the parties heard.

The industry has from time to time urged that administrative control over shipping, especially as it affects the ships themselves, should, so far as ever possible, be vested in the hands of the department principally responsible for shipping. Divided responsibility has led to multiplicity of inspectors and regulations and the department primarily responsible for shipping has necessarily acquired a knowledge of ships and shipping and of the interests to be consulted such as no other department can possess or acquire.—The Times.

AN EXHIBITION SHIP.

Taking Goods Round the World.

The latest scheme for the exhibition of British goods round the world, the British National Exhibition Ship Company, Ltd., is reported to have bought the Bibby Liner *Leicester*, a well known trader to the Thames, to carry out the projected cruise. She is the oldest passenger ship in the Bibby Line, which maintains a regular service between Burma, Liverpool and London, having been launched at Belfast in 1909, but she is in excellent condition and in many ways seems better suited for the work of an exhibition ship than any that have been suggested. Her gross tonnage is just over 8,000 while her draught of under 28 feet would permit her to go into many ports that would be impossible for a bigger ship, and her speed of 16 knots appears to be admirably adapted for the purpose.

Economy. It will mean a minimum of delay in transit from port to port. She is specially designed for long voyages and has exceptionally large bunkers.

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Thursday, February 19.
Helsinki, British str. 1,220 tons.
Capt. W. Anderson, from Sal-
gon, buoy No. B19—W. & P.
Singapore, British str. 1,809 tons.
Capt. S. W. Davidson, from
Singapore, buoy No. A8—
B. & S.

Szechuen, British str. 1,594 tons.
Capt. C. E. Fisher, from Amoy.
buoy No. A9—B. & S.

Friday, February 20.
Changkiang, French str. 1,717 tons.
Captain L. J. Cruchet, from
Shanghai, buoy No. A5—Sing
Kee & Co.

Frica, British str. 3,209 tons.
Capt. Douglas, from Sabang.
Holt's Wharf—B. & S.
Haiching, British str. 1,234 tons.
Capt. E. Walkers, from Swa-
tow, buoy No. A8—Douglas &
Co.

Kwangtung, British str. 1,572 tons.
Capt. A. F. Summerfield, from
Amoy, buoy No. B14—B. & S.
Lima Maru, Japanese str. 4,297
tons. Capt. S. Amano, from
Singapore, Kowloon Wharf—
N.Y.K.

Lustrous, British str. 3,690 tons.
Captain W. B. Simpson, from
Ballikpapan, North Point
Wharf—A.P.C.
Shantung, British str. 1,568 tons.
Capt. J. S. G. Brown, from
Swatow, buoy No. B20—
B. & S.

Tsinan, British str. 2,100 tons.
Capt. W. Shaw, from Canton,
Taikoo Dock—B. & S.
Yasukuni Maru, Japanese str.
7,157 tons, Capt. N. Segawa,
from Shanghai, buoy No. A1—
N.Y.K.

Yatsing, British str. 1,424 tons.
Captain C. Alexandre, from
Swatow, West Point Wharf—
J. M. & Co.

Yei Maru, Japanese str. 849 tons.
Capt. K. Izumi, from Hongay,
Yaumati Anchorage—Hidaka
& Co.

Yuan Lee, Chinese str. 1,661 tons.
Capt. A. Kraukle, from Amoy,
buoy No. B21—Yuen Sing Fat.
Yusang, British str. 1,123 tons.
Capt. R. C. Thompson, from
Sandakan, buoy No. B22—J.
M. & Co.

EASTERN PORTS.

DETAILS OF EPIDEMIC DISEASES.

The health bulletin of Eastern ports for the week ended February 14, issued by the Director of Medical and Sanitary Services, gives the following cases:—

Plague.
Bassein: 1 death.
Bombay: 1 case, 1 death.
Cheribon: 1 case.
Cholera.
Calcutta: 27 cases, 22 deaths.
Madras: 5 deaths.
Negapatam: 1 death.
Chittagong: 6 cases, 2 deaths.
Pondicherry: 10 cases, 10 deaths.
Bangkok: 1 case.
Small-pox.
Calcutta: 35 cases, 26 deaths.
Cochin: 19 cases, 1 death.
Madras: 4 cases.
Rangoon: 2 cases.
Shanghai: 5 deaths.
Greater Shanghai: 4 cases, 1 death.
Canton: 2 cases.
Kala-Azar Colombo: 6 cases, 7 deaths.
* Imported.

WARSHIPS IN PORT.

The following British warships were in harbour to-day:—
Bridgewater—South wall.
Bruce—N. 8 buoy.
Cumberland—West wall dock.
Herald—South wall.
Hermes—No. 1 buoy.
Iroquois—North wall.
Kent—North arm.
Marazion—No. 4 buoy.
Medway—No. 2 buoy.
Odin—No. 2 buoy.
Oswald—In dock.
Otun—No. 2 buoy.
Petersfield—North wall.
Sandwich—No. 18 buoy.
Scopay—No. 11 buoy.
Seraph—No. 12 buoy.
Sara—No. 7 buoy.
Sirdar—South wall.
Sterling—In dock.
Sturrock—No. 11 buoy.
Suffolk—No. 6 buoy.
Tamar—Basin.

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION.

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(The solution of the above cross-word puzzle will appear in
Monday's issue along with a new cross-word puzzle.)

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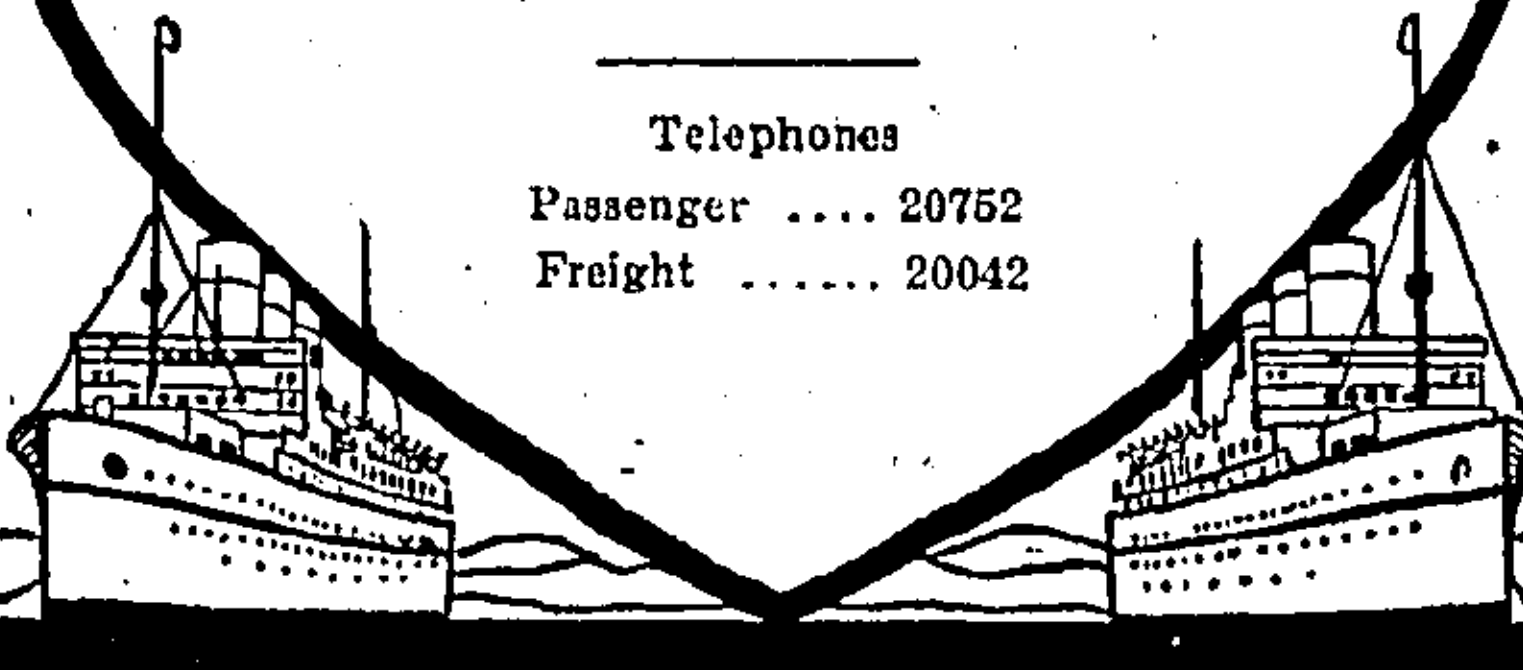
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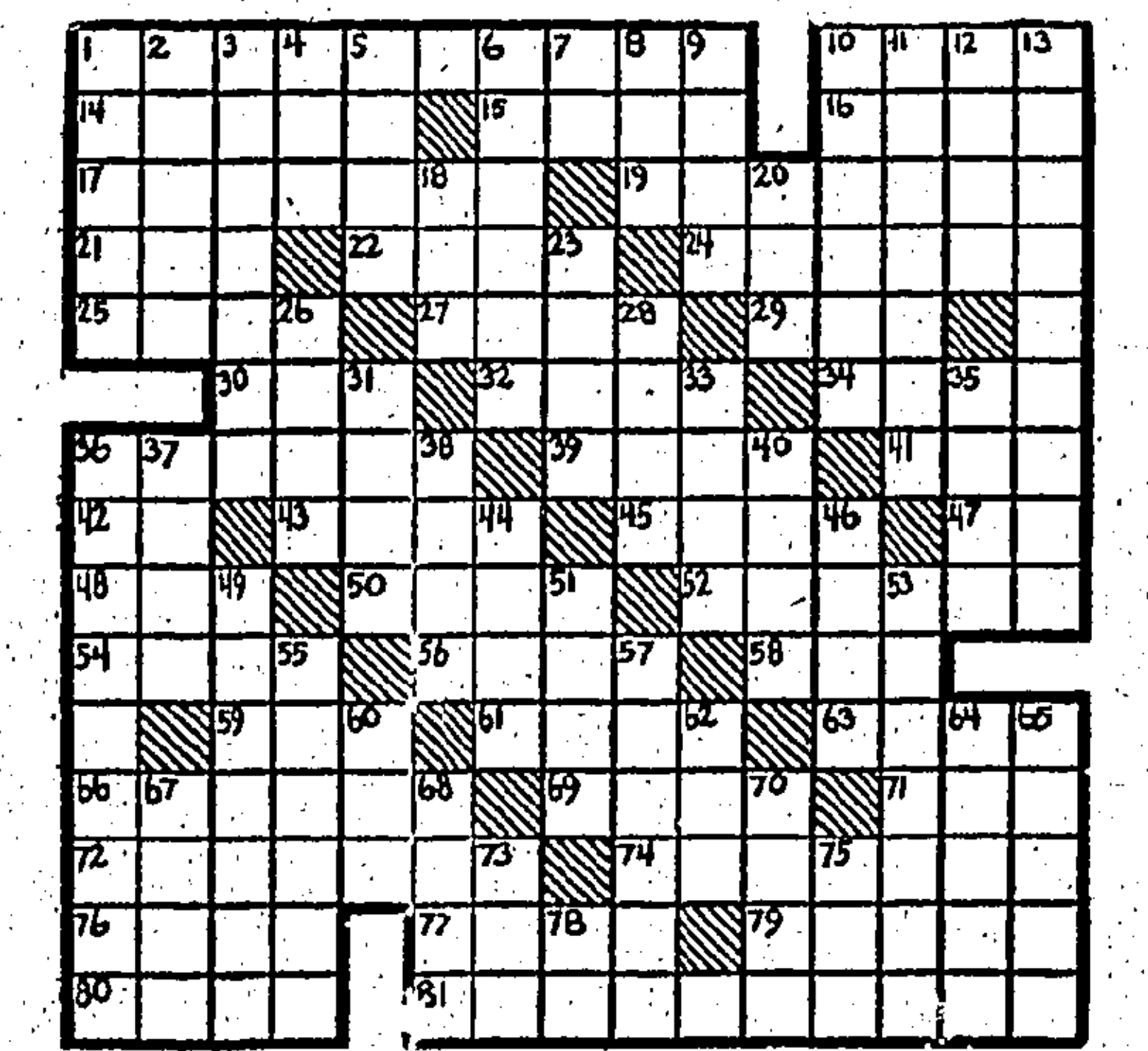
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(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but
our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic
spellings, such as harbor, plow, and altho.)



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KHIVA	9,135	7th Mar.	Marseilles, London, Hull, Hamburg, Rotterdam & Antwerp.
*KHYBER	9,114	14th Mar.	Mars., L'don, Hull, R'dam & A'werp.
*SOMALI	—	21st Mar.	Marseilles, London, Hull, Hamburg, Rotterdam & Antwerp.
RAWALPINDI	16,619	28th Mar.	Marseilles & London.
*KARMALA	9,128	11th Apr.	Mars., L'don, Hull, R'dam & A'werp.
RAJPUTANA	16,568	25th Apr.	Marseilles & London.
*SOUHAN	—	2nd May	Marseilles, London, Hull, Hamburg, Rotterdam & Antwerp.
*KALYAN	9,144	9th May	Mars., L'don, Hull, R'dam & A'werp.
COMORIN	15,132	23rd May	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
*KASHMIR	9,085	6th Jun.	Mars., L'don, Hull, R'dam & A'werp.
RANPURA	16,601	20th Jun.	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
*KASHGAR	9,005	4th July	M'selles, L'don, R'dam & A'werp.
RAWALPINDI	16,619	18th July	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
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RAJPUTANA	16,568	29th Aug.	Marseilles & London.
*KARMALA	9,128	12th Sept.	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
CATHAY	15,121	26th Sept.	Marseilles & London.
*KALYAN	9,144	23rd Sept.	Marseilles & London.

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NELLORE	6,953	1st May	

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*SOMALI	—	21st Feb.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
TILAWA	10,006	28th Feb.	Amoy, Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Y'hama.
RAWALPINDI	16,619	28th Feb.	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
*MIRZAPUR	6,715	5th Mar.	Moji & Kobe.
ST. ALBANS	4,500	6th Mar.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Y'hama.
SANTHA	7,764	12th Mar.	Amoy, Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
KARMALA	9,128	14th Mar.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
*SOUHAN	—	19th Mar.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
TALMA	10,000	25th Mar.	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
RAJPUTANA	16,568	27th Mar.	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
NELLORE	6,953	6th Apr.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Y'hama.
KALYAN	9,144	10th Apr.	Amoy, Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
TILAWA	10,006	24th Apr.	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
COMORIN	15,132	24th Apr.	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
*KASHMIR	9,085	8th May	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
TANDA	6,950	8th May	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Y'hama.
TALAMBA	9,018	12th May	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
RANPURA	16,601	22nd May	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
*KASHGAR	9,005	5th June	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
ST. ALBANS	4,500	5th June	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Y'hama.
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NELLORE	6,953	8th July	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Y'hama.
RAJPUTANA	16,568	17th July	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
KARMALA	9,128	31st July	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.

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4-7 p.m.—Chinese Programme.
7-11.30 p.m.—European Pro-
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7-7.32 p.m.—Variety.

Orchestral—

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Organ Solo—

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Watching My Dreams go by.

Quentin Maclean (289).

Descriptive Sketch—

A Musical Hall Trial Turn.

Horace Kenney (169).

Song—

Without a Song.

More Than You Know.

Layton & (315).

7.32-8 p.m.—Musical Comedy.

The Desert Song—Selections.

Debray Somers' Band (9200).

Hit the Deck—Selections.

London Hippodrome Orchestra

(9284).

The Windmill Man—Selections.

Court Symphony Orchestra

(9526).

8-8.27 p.m.—Octets.

Mignon—Polonaise

(Thomas arr. Robertson).

Mignon—Introduction Et Romance

(Thomas arr. Robertson).

J. H. Squire Celeste Octet

(9507).

Traume (Dreams)

(Wagner arr. Willoughby).

Albumblatt (Album Leaf)

(Wagner arr. Willoughby).

J. H. Squire Celeste Octet

(20).

Classica—Selections (arr. Ewing).

J. H. Squire Celeste Octet

(9440).

8.27-9 p.m.—Operatic.

The Barber of Seville—Overture

(Rossini).

B.B.C. Wireless Symphony

Orchestra (9115).

II Trovatore—Duet (Verdi)

Arangi Lombardi & Carlo

Galloff (2157).

Faust—Prelude (Gounod).

Milan Symphony Orchestra

Queen of Sheba—Lend Me Your Aid

(Gounod) ... Francis Russell, Tenor

(9508).

9 p.m.—Weather Report, Local

Time, etc.

9.05-9.30 p.m.—Band Music.

Regimental Marches.

The National Military Band

(238 & 239).

Voyage in a Tropicland

Regimental Band of H.M.

Grandier Guards (8).

Trooping the Colour—Descriptive.

Regimental Band of H.M.

Grandier Guards (44).

9.30-11.30 p.m.—Dance Pro-

gramme.

Fox Trot—

Song of the Congo.

The Wedding of the Birds ... (2263).

I Want to be Happy.

Tea for Two ... (2078).

Do Ya' Love Me.

Slow Fox Trot—

When I am House Keeping

For You ... (2072).

Fox Trot—

Lucky Me Loveable You.

Love Ain't Nothin' But the

Blues ... (2046).

Georgia Fine.

Fox Trot—

Song of the Bayou ... (2034).

Painting the Clouds with Sunshine.

Pals Forever ... (2018).

The Rogue Song.

When I'm Looking at You ... (2080).

Waltz—

Romance.

Doughboy's Lullaby ... (2079).

Fox Trot—

Under a Texas Moon.

Can't You Understand? ... (2089).

Have a Little Faith in Me.

Cryin' for the Carolines ... (2062).

My Man is on the Make.

Slow Fox Trot—

Why do You Suppose? ... (2087).

Why?

Fox Trot—

Cross Your Fingers ... (2077).

Where the Golden Daffodils Grow.

Just Can't Be Bothered with Me.

(2122).

Funny Dear What Love Can Do.

Man's No Sin ... (2096).

Slow Fox Trot—

What is This Thing Called Love.

Fox Trot—

What Would I Care? ... (2099).

Give Yourself a Pat on the Back.

The Mug Song ... (2201).

If I Could be With You.

Shout Sister Shout ... (2243).

Till We Meet Again.

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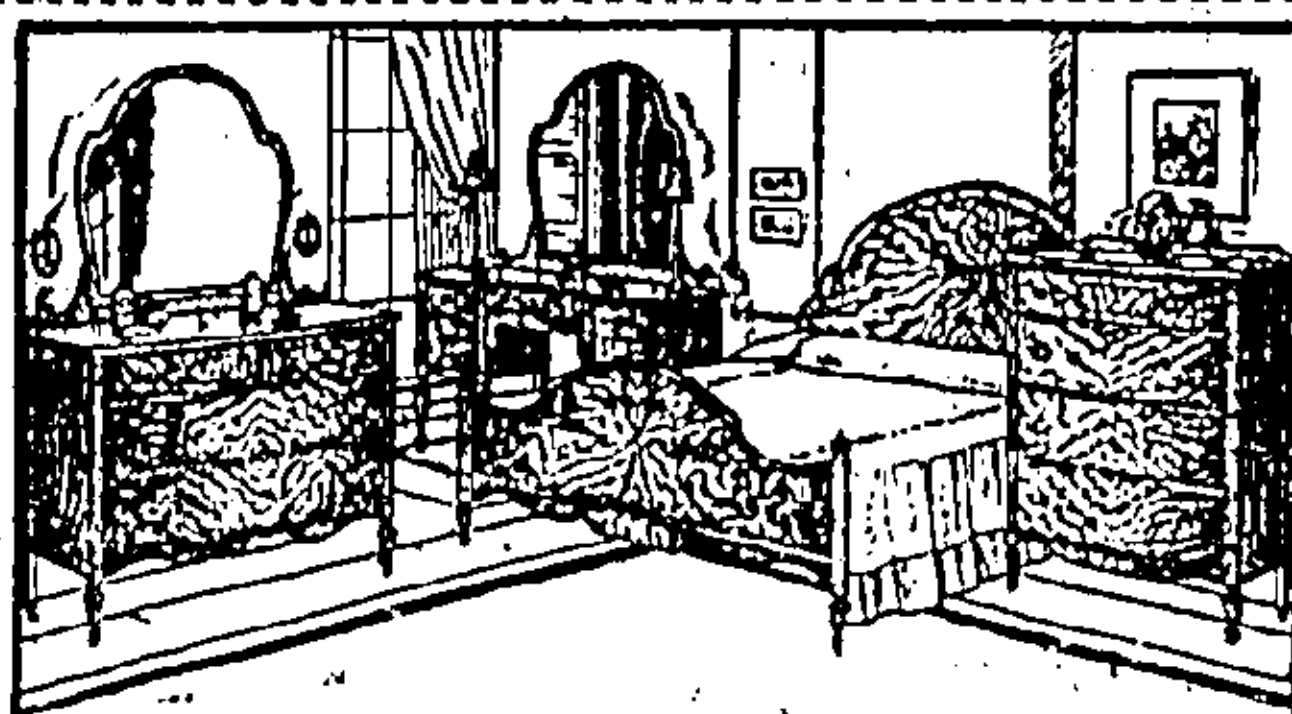
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ADVERSARIA.

"Without fear, favour or malice."

What the
Admiral Saw.

The dance was
over. Blue-
jackets plied
woolly brooms
over the decks, a process known
as swabbing, and gathered up the
tangled heaps of paper steamers,
crackers, paper caps, and toy
armaments. The Captain, ablaze
with liver, prowled along the
quarter deck like a hungry pan-
ther. Suddenly his choleric eye
focused its glare on a golden
sheen. The thing stared at him
barefacedly, winking in wicked
and wanton defiance. He hailed a
weary lieutenant who was toast-
ing his toes before the tail of an
imaginary fire. "Mr.
McCavandah," he hissed, "What
is that thing?" He jerked a blue,
British chin in the direction of
the glitter. "And what," he thun-
dered, "is it doing on my quarter-
deck?"

Faltering, hesitating, perspir-
ing, the unhappy Admiral-to-be
converted himself into a Fougasse
caricature and crept along the
deck. The Thing mocked him.
Wiping his forehead with a silk
handkerchief (the very one sent
by Aunt Agatha) he groaned
feebly, shut his eyes, and groped
blindly along the scuppers. Aha!
He had got it. With a fierce tug
he tried to heave it up, this dis-
gusting Thing, but found that it
would not yield. Then it moved
and, placing itself on his hand,
crushed his well-bred fingers on
to the deck. He screamed theat-
rically and opened his eyes.

It was a boot that had so re-
lentlessly depressed his fingers.
What was worse, it was a boot
attached to a blue cylinder with its
centre, above that glittered
medals, ribbons, braid, and the
volcanic, empurpled, devastating
face of the Admiral. The lieuten-
ant melted away into a writh of
lanky blue, his baton, or telescope,
having disappeared from his
knapsack, and the Admiral turn-
ed to the Captain.

"Sir," he growled, shaking

with anger so that his medals
rattled like a Ford car. "What is
the meaning of this—this—
this . . . !" The Captain left
him spluttering, knowing that it
is the habit of Admirals, and
went up to the Thing. Coolly he
picked it up. "This, sir," he said
with the cool contempt of a newly-
called barrister to the High
Court Judge, "is a lady's shoe—a
golden shoe—very large squat
and—er—unpleasant. Left be-
hind after the dance, I presume,
Sir, as a possible inducement to
some of our younger officers to
emulate Prince Charming."

Still spluttering, the Admiral
seized the golden garb and
turned it over. Suddenly his
purple paled to the merest hue of
pink, then to white, and then to
green. Without a word he turned
on his heel and hastened away.
Should he tell the Captain that it
was his wife's?

Letter From a
Chinese Tourist.

Honourable Sir,
In the course of my peregrina-
tions in the Port of Fragrance, as
your gracious island was poetical-
ly denominated by my venerable
ancestors, I was filled with won-
derment and amaze at the sight
of men long past the years of dis-
cretion indulging in an astonish-
ing performance with members of
that most perfidious sex of which
we in the olden days were ever
wont to refer to with a flicker of
contemptuous eyelids.

As far as my aged and now
weary eyes were able to deter-
mine, the rite was performed by
the men placing their arms around
the waists of the contemptible
ones, in a most unseemly manner,
jerking their knees towards one
another with high indecorum, and
whirling around like the gyrations
of a buffalo treading the mill,
only much faster, and quicker,
and more improperly.

On making a discreet enquiry
from one who stood apart (evident-
ly a superior being, although
quite unable to stem this tide of
debauchery) I was informed that
the strange performance was
known among a certain wild tribe
as the Jig. It seemed verily to
be warlike, and full of abandon,
and to exhaust the performers
speedily without returning to
them any visible benefit.

I am a man of much travel and
learning, and have studied at
the knowledge of the world at
your College of Oxford, where
occasionally I did witness charm-
ing displays of May-pole dancing
which, I understand, is an old
country custom of the barbarian,
but this Jig did put me in sore
distress to see the ripe manhood
of your enchanting island sacri-
ficed to such wanton garrulity.

Being a man of parts and as a
philosopher fond of experiment, I
did, I must confess, ask one of
the contemptible ones to undergo
these strange gyrations with me,
and I must say to my shame and
confusion, that I found it exceed-
ingly not unpleasant. But, of
course, it is a most unwholesome
trait in your barbaric character,
and having seen it, I feel unable
to recommend my honourable
country to defer any longer the
matter of the abolishing of extra-
territoriality.

Your learned and worthy cor-
respondent, Ho Fang-Siang

DON RUIN.

A Ballad of 20th Century
China.

Don Ruin came to China, by the grace
of God I trow,
But how he came I know not, for the
deities allow
Such beings and immortals to perform
their journeys hence
As miracles or wonderments of little
consequence.

Perchance it was that second class he
travelled all the way
On some dun steamer from the land
where clever people say
That those who settle in the East are
rather meretricious—
A silly sort of statement which I
think a bit pedantic.

Don Ruin must have had a strain of
magic in his blood.
For he could see the poetry within
the lump of mud.
And even ugly women, when they
longed for his embrace,
Began to paint and powder and to
foam in feckled lace.

Don Ruin landed unannounced upon
the shores of Tong
Without a sign of who he was or
where he did belong.
And though he was a nobleman he
soon forgot all that
And went about the Praya in a bat-
tered bowler hat.

The heat was very trying on the
salty summer days
And Ruin thought the misty hills were
better than the blaze;
So modestly he booked a room that
looked to north and east,
And settled down to social life with
trousers neatly creased.

Don Ruin, though a trifle with hearts
of pretty ladies,
Than be a griffin's son-in-law had
rather visit Hades,
And fearful of Tarantula's wan victim
to resemble,
The sign of hubby-grabbers made our
hero wince and tremble.

But grudge is ever stronger than a
simple, trusting mind,
As Ruin to his chagrin and dismay
was soon to find.
Enticed to bathing parties he was
forced to flirt and swim
And found himself attracted by a
lissom line of limb.

The love thus nurtured grimly by a
mother in control
Soon spun its web round Ruin who,
uncertain of his role,
Played Ruin with caution but was
careful not to go
Beyond the safety margin with a
grim Mamma in tow.

The days for him were idyllic and al-
he never said
What young men say to women when
they worry them to wed,
His eyes were full of meaning which
Mamma could understand,
For she herself had called him "dear"
and tightly held his hand.

Then one day bleak and tragic he dis-
covered that she wore
A pathetic kind of garment that was
"out" in '31.
A sudden faintness smote him and he
speedily forsook
His flashing, flushing Phyllis and be-
sought a fashion book.

Don Ruin sent this to her with a
letter to explain
He had a wife in Portugal, another
one in Spain,
And, though he wasn't squeamish over
dress, he couldn't live
With a woman with a pair of stays
which quite refused to give.

News in Brief.

The Police Department has com-
menced a campaign against
motorists who sound their horns
unnecessarily. Motorists, beware!

The annual general meeting of
the Ladies Recreation Club will be
held in the Helena May Institute
on Thursday, February 26, at 10.30
a.m.

The total output of the Kailan
Mining Administration's mines for
the week ended February 7
amounted to 112,075 tons, and the
sales to 99,256 tons.

Mr. G. R. Sayer presided at a
meeting of the Sanitary Board
yesterday but nothing of public
interest came up for discussion, the
business being purely of a routine
nature.

The 42nd ordinary annual meet-
ing of shareholders of the Green
Island Cement Co., Ltd., will take
place at the offices of the Company,
Exchange Building, on Wednesday,
March 18, at 11.30 a.m.

It is advertised that the 42nd
ordinary yearly meeting of share-
holders of the Hong Kong Electric
Co., Ltd., will be held at the Com-
pany's Offices P. & O. Building,
on Wednesday, March 18, at 11 a.m.

A clever swindle by confidence
tricksters was related to Mr.
Schöffel at the Central Magistracy
yesterday when Leung Ming was
charged with defrauding a Chinese
woman of \$218 by means of the
familiar bank note trick. After
some evidence the hearing was ad-
journed to Tuesday.

A very old resident of the Colony
passed away suddenly, in the per-
son of Mr. Harold Edward Hendy,
at the age of 52 years. He
had been in Hong Kong and
China for 28 years, and came out
originally as an engineer for the
Taitan Reservoir. He later served
as a marine engineer, and as a
member of the Institute of
Engineers and Shipbuilders he was
well known. He was unmarried
and leaves several sisters at Eome.

The Hon. Mr. R. H. Kotowall has
made a good recovery from his
recent illness and left the Canossa
Hospital on Thursday. He has
been advised to take a fortnight's
rest at home.

The success which attended the
St. Patrick's Society's first practice
dance in the Helena May Institute
has prompted the Committee to hold
further practice dances. The next
will be held in the same place on
Monday at 5.15 p.m. Those who
intend to be present at the Ball are
cordially invited to attend.

CHINESE ARTS.

EXHIBITION AT THE
Y.M.C.A.

The Chinese have in recent years
paid more attention to arts. On
this account the Y.M.C.A. has sum-
moned the artists of Hong Kong,
Shanghai and Canton and arranged
an exhibition to take place from
Monday to Monday. The following
are the more important of the
exhibits:—

Chinese penmanship:—By Messrs.
Wu Han-min, Yu Yau-yam, To Ki-
cheung, Tang Chung-kwo and
others, in all about the works of 30
persons.

Chinese paintings:—By Messrs.
Ko Kim-fo, Ko Ki-fung, Pau Siu-
yau, Lai Kung-chi, Li Fung-kung,
Ng Mui-hok, Lui Tai-ho, Yiu Shuk-
yok, and others, the works of about
100 persons.

Occidental paintings:—By Messrs.
Lau Hoi-shuk, Pun Yuk-leung, Yau
Toi-ming, Chan Wang, Lui Long-
luk, Ng Mui-hok, Foo Pat-hung,
Luk Tai-ching and others, about
the works of 60 persons in all.

Embroidery Works:—By Mrs.
Pau Siu-yau and others.

Photographic Display:—By
Messrs. Li Shung, Lok Kwong, To
Wan-lui, Leung Ching-ping and
others.

Messrs. Ko Kim-fo, Ko Ki-fung
and Li Fung-kung are well-known
artists in Chinese paintings, Messrs.
Lau Hoi-shuk and Pun Yuk-leung
are noted in Occidental paintings,
while the works of Mr. Lui Long-
luk, of the School of Arts in Canton,
Mr. and Mrs. Pau Siu-yau, of the
Lai Ching School of Arts in Hong
Kong, Mr. Yau Toi-ming, Ng Mui-
hok and Luk Tai-ching of the
Chung Wah School of Arts, Mr.
Chan Wang of the Sai Nam College
are all very good.

ISLAND PLAYGROUND.

Scheme to Make Lundy A Sports
Centre.

The future of Lundy Island,
situated in the Bristol Channel a
few miles off the North Devon
coast, is concerned in a scheme
which has just been started by an
ex-Army officer and others, who
have founded a new organisation
called the Isle of Lundy Sports
Club.

Well-to-do persons who are at-
tracted by the idea of having an
island home, not too far from the
mainland, where they will be free
to amuse themselves, are being in-
vited to join the Lundy Club. They
are offered every sporting induc-
ement—golf, tennis, boating, swim-
ming, and all the usual amusements,
recreations, and facilities, including
drinks, which a well-managed town
club offers. The scheme also in-
cludes plans for a Derby sweep.
Members will be conveyed to
Lundy by a club launch from the
mainland near Instow, but would-
be passengers will only be embarked
when they produce their member-
ship cards.

DELHI'S NEW CHURCH.

All But The Interior Now
Complete.

New Delhi, Jan. 12.
The new Anglican Church in
New Delhi, the Church of the Re-
demption, in the erection of which
Lord Irwin has taken a keen per-
sonal interest, and for which sub-
stantial donations were made in
England, will be opened for ser-
vices on January 18.

Some months will be required
to complete the interior of the
building, while the erection of the
tower has been postponed until
more funds are available.
The Church will be consecrated
by the Metropolitan of India, as-
sisted by the Bishop of Lahore,
on February 15.

SCHOOLBOYS' TOUR.

According to present arrange-
ments, a party of schoolboys will
leave Home this month for Jamaica
and other places in the West Indies,
also Colon (Panama Canal) and
British Guiana, where a fortnight
will be spent in order that the boys
may see the stupendous Kaieteur
Falls and other wonders of that
part of the British Empire on the
American mainland. The objects
of the tour are material and educa-
tional and every opportunity is to
be given to the boys for the study
of the economic problems and
romantic stories of the places
visited.

MR. G. A. STIMSON.

18 YEARS IN POLICE
FORCE.

RAPID PROMOTION.

Eighteen years' service in the
Police Force is the record of In-
spector G. A. Stimson, officer in
charge of Shaikwan Police Station,
who will to-day receive the con-
gratulations of his colleagues and
many friends outside the Force.

Appointed a Police Constable on
February 21, 1913, Mr. Stimson ar-
rived in the Colony on March 27
of the same year to take up his
appointment.

His promotions in the Force were
as under:—

Lance-Sergeant, July 26, 1919.

Sergeant, August 8, 1919.

The fact, as shown above, of his

promotion to Sergeant within less

than a month speaks for itself as

to his capabilities and the confi-

dence reposed on him as a policeman.

Promotion to Sub-Inspectorship

came to him on January 1, 1925,

and he reached his present rank of

Inspector on March 13, 1929.

In his younger days in the

Colony, Mr. Stimson was a boxer

of more than average ability and

often figured in the Police boxing

tournaments in which he went far

as a welter-weight.

MR. J. RALSTON.

SEVENTEEN YEARS IN COLONY'S
SERVICE.

SERVED IN THE WAR.

Mr. J. Ralston, head master of the
Wantsai School, to-day com-
pletes 17 years' service with the
Government of Hong Kong.

It was on February 21, 1914,
that he received his appointment as
assistant master and he arrived in
the Colony on April 4 of the same
year. He was seconded for mili-
tary service on May 18, 1918, and
served with the colours until
August 16, 1919.

Shortly after his return to Hong
Kong, Mr. Ralston was promoted to
Assistant Master, Class II, on Jan-
uary 1, 1920, rising to Class I on
April 21, 1925. His first appoint-
ment as head master came on
September 8, 1925, when he was
placed in charge of the Ellis
Kadoorie School for Indians.

On January 1, 1928, he went to
the then newly opened King's Col-
lege as a second master, and a little
over a year later, on February 16,
1919, went as head master of the
Ellis Kadoorie School. His ap-
pointment to the head mastership
of the Wantsai School was made on
January 2, 1930.

Mr. Ralston is also a teacher in
the English Teachers' Class of the
Technical Institute, and Corps
Superintendent of the St. John
Ambulance Brigade.

JEWISH NATIONAL HOME.

"Policy Now More Firmly
Established."

Cape Town, Jan. 14.
The transfer of Palestine
affairs from the Colonial Office to
the Foreign Office was urged at
the thirteenth South African
Zionist Conference.

Messages wishing success to the
cause were received from all over
the world.

General Smuts declared that
1930 was a year of wild alarm
and serious danger for Zionism.
The danger was not yet passed,
but he was of opinion that the
real crisis was ended and the
policy of a National Home was
now more firmly established than
it had been for years.

It would not be lightly tamper-
ed with again.

ROTARY CLUB.

At the next tiffin of the Rotary
Club on Tuesday, Lieut.-Colonel
Reginald Morcom, C.B.E., will
give an address on "Commercial
Balance."

On Tuesday, March 3 (Derby
Day) there will be no meeting of
the Rotary Club.

Ten Years Ago.

[From the "China Mail" of
February 21, 1921.]

To-day's dollar is worth 2/6 3/4.

The latest development in the
strike of tea-shop employees is that
the employers have refused to
negotiate further, on the grounds
that the employees have failed to
carry out their alleged acceptance
of a compromise suggested by the
Hon. Mr. Lau Chu-pak, and have de-
cided to engage new helpers from
Canton and Macao.

It is the purpose of the shop to
resume business next week. The
claim is made that, after agreeing
to settle the strike, the employees
went back on their word.

VOLUNTEER CORPS

ORDERS FOR THE COMING WEEK.

NEW BAND PRESIDENT.

Volunteer Defence Corps Orders issued by Lieut.-Col. L. G. Bird, D.S.O., O.B.E., Commandant, state:

PARADES.

Corps Band.

There will be a practice at Headquarters on Monday, at 5.30 p.m. sharp.

Corps Band Miniature Rifle Club.—There will be a meeting of the Club at the Miniature Range on Wednesday at 5.30 p.m.

Battery.

Layers as detailed will parade at Gun Club Hill at 5.30 p.m. on Thursday.

Remainder parade at Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. on Thursday for map reading.

Engineer Company.

Monday, Miniature Range shoot at Headquarters 5.30 p.m.

There will be D.L. training at Wellington Barracks on Thursday, at 5.30 p.m.

Corps Signals.

Parades will be held at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. on Tuesday and Friday.

Machine Gun Troop.

Details will be issued later to each member individually by O.C. Troop.

Armoured Car Company.

Car Section.—Parade on Monday, at Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. for driving instruction and crew drill.

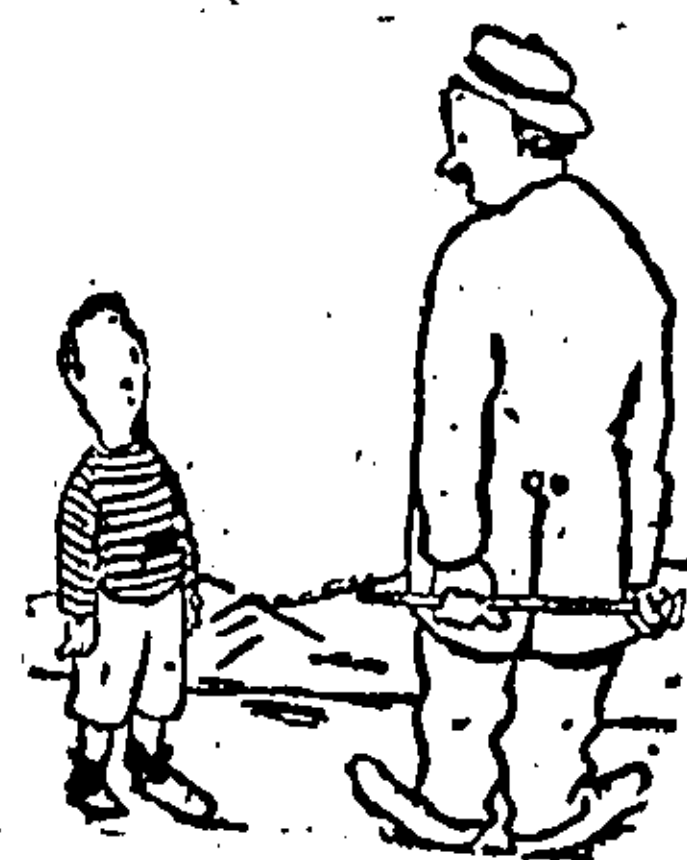
Motor Cycle Section.—Parade on Monday, at Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. for instructional driving and map reading etc.

Machine Gun Company.

The Company will parade at Volunteer Headquarters in multi with belt and side-arms for practice for G.O.C. Inspection at 5.30 p.m. on Tuesday.

Scottish Company.

Parades.—Thursday, for arms drill.



"Not at school to-day?"
"We have a holiday."
"Why?"
"Grandfather invited the new teacher to see his cellar last night."
Montague, Charleol.

No. 7 Platoon at Headquarters 5.30 p.m. under Captain H. R. Forsyth.

No. 6 Platoon at Kowloon Dock under Lieut. G. Duncan, M.B.E. Belts and sidearms will be worn. Musketry.—Stonecutters Range has been allotted to the Company on March 8. Details of practices will be issued later.

Portuguese Company.

Parades.—The Company will parade as strong as possible at Headquarters on Friday, at 5.30 p.m. Practice for G.O.C.'s Inspection.

Every one of the Company will be expected to attend all parades until after the G.O.C.'s Inspection. Peak Range.—The Peak Range has been allotted to the No. 12A Platoon to-morrow.

Firing will commence at 9 a.m. sharp.

Dress.—Optional, but dress must be definitely either Civilian or Khaki with belt, Pouches, Rifles and Bayonets. Range Officer—Lieut. H. J. Silva.

Band President.

Captain E. R. Davies will temporarily take over the duties of Band President from 2nd Lieut. D. L. Strellett on proceeding on leave.

Handing Over and Taking Over Certificates will be forwarded to the Adjutant as soon as possible.

Marksmen, M.C.

No. 1906 Dmr. H. R. Major, No. 6 Platoon, has qualified as marksmen and is entitled to wear the badge for one year.

Transfer.

No. 1446 Pte. A. J. R. Wolf, No. 4 Platoon, is transferred to Machine Gun Troop with effect from 20.231.

Strength.

The following has been taken on Corps Strength:—
Pte. G. M. da Silva, No. 12A Platoon.

Leave.

No. 845 Pte. C. H. Douglas, Reserve Company, returned from leave on 9.231.

2nd Lieut. D. L. Strellett, No. 8 Platoon, granted leave from 1.331 to 31.12.31.

(Continued in next column)

ROUND THE CINEMAS

WILLIAM HAINES IN COWBOY FILM.

"WAY OUT WEST."

Laughs, thrills and romance are all well woven into the picture "Way Out West" featuring William Haines which is now showing in the Queen's Theatre. Leila Hyams has the leading female role and lent much support to "Bill" in the love making scenes. For support in the rough stuff "Bill" had the assistance of a crowd of real tough looking cowboys, whilst in the comedy side he was backed up by Polly Moran, the screamingly funny cook, and Cliff Edwards, the musical cowboy who was more in his element strumming his uke and warbling nonsensical songs than punching cows.

"Ship Ahoy," one of the short talks in the supporting programme, is a little feast of jazz, leg show and wise cracks for those who like this sort of stuff. The M.C. for the concert is a "Lootenant" of the Navy who won his gold braids when he failed to save the Captain's main-law who fell overboard during a cruise of the good ship Amusement.

"THE BIG POND."

In "The Big Pond," his newest starring film, Maurice Chevalier becomes thoroughly "Americanized."

His earlier films showed the former favourite of the Folies Bergere in the characterisations of a music hall singer and of an ambassador extraordinaire in a mythical kingdom. But "The Big Pond" shows him as an enterprising "big shot" in a chewing gum factory. And nothing could be more American than that.

"The Big Pond" is based on a Broadway play of last season by George Middleton and A. E. Thomas. The story deals with a young Frenchman, who is employed as guide for American tourists in Venice. Through the influence of some tourists he is taken to America to take a position in a chewing gum factory. He starts "at the bottom" and gains prestige in the business through his novel ideas about advertising. He writes successful songs which exploit the company's product. Before long he is a power in the industry, and an ace in the regard of his sweetheart, played by Claudette Colbert, the lady of "The Lady Lies" fame.

"The Big Pond" is showing in the Paramount Long Island Studio, under the direction of Hobart Henley, who directed "The Lady Lies" and "Roadhouse Nights."

In addition to Miss Colbert the supporting cast includes George Barbier, Elaine Koch, Frank Lyon, Marion Ballou, Andree Corday and Nat Pendleton.

"The Big Pond" is showing to crowded houses daily in the Central Theatre.

"THE GOLDEN CALF."

El Brendel, famous Fox Movie-tone comedian, who will be seen and heard in "The Golden Calf," sensational comedy with music coming to the Queen's Theatre to-morrow, is the exception that proves the rule.

For ages, the clown in real life has always been known as a sad man. Thousands of plays and stories have been written about the poor comedian, making others laugh while all the time his heart is breaking.

"Not me," says El. "I'm a happy guy, all the time. I have a nice home, a charming wife, a couple of automobiles and money in the bank."

Brendel, as a matter of fact, is one comedian who is nearly always in character even when he is not appearing before a camera. He always has a fund of new wise-cracks to pull on his friends, or some new anecdote he has thought up.

Sue Carol and Jack Mulhall have the leading roles in "The Golden Calf," which is dashing comedy of the gay Bohemian set in Green-

wich Village. Others prominent in the cast are Marjorie White, Richard Keene and Paul Page. Millard Webb directed.

"TRUE TO THE NAVY."

The passing of the American flapper is signified by the disappearance of the most characteristic thing of her reign: the "flapper" bob. Even Clara Bow, queen of the sisterhood, is permitting her flaming red hair to grow.

Now the Bow coiffure is more vivid than ever. There is more of it. The red hair is now shoulder length and Miss Bow wears it free, letting it blow about where it will. The new Bow head dress will be seen in her latest picture, "True to the Navy," which will show in the Central Theatre on next change.

"KING OF JAZZ."

A slice of musical comedy, with a part of Central Park, New York produced as the setting, is afforded by the "Bench in the Park" number of Universal's super-extravaganza, "King of Jazz," which comes to the Central Theatre soon.

The number is cleverly built about and introduces the latest song hit, "A Bench in the Park," written especially for the all-sound and Technicolor production by Milton Ager and Jack Yellen.

Paul Whiteman and his entire orchestra, who star in the revue, become film comedians as well as the world's best known jazz band in this sequence of the picture. Clever comedy "gags" have been worked out for them by John Murray Anderson, who came from the New York musical comedy especially to direct the Whiteman spectacle.

Besides the "Rajah of Rhythm" and his band, such well-known stage and screen celebrities as Jeanette Loff, Stanley Smith, William Kent, the Brox Sisters, "The Rhythm Trio," the Russell Market Dancers and the Hollywood Beauties, all appear in this number.

Special chorus and dance numbers, dialogue, "gag" lines and swift film action were written for this number.

SHADOWS BEFORE

COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED IN CHINA MAIL.

Social Functions.

To-day—Tea Dance and Dinner Dance at Hong Kong Hotel.

To-day—Tea Dance and Dinner Dance at Peninsula Hotel.

To-night—Concert and Dance at May Hall, University.

To-night—Football Interport Dinner, Peninsula Hotel.

To-morrow—Tea Dance at Repulse Bay Hotel.

Entertainments.

To-day—Queen's Theatre.

"Way Out West." Central Theatre.

"Big Pond." Majestic Theatre.

"Paris." Star Theatre.

"Jim the Conqueror." World Theatre.

"Battling Butler." Home Mail.

To-day—Inward from Europe via Negapatam (Fushimi Maru); from America and ports (President Wilson); Outward for Europe via Siberia (Fushimi Maru), 8.30 p.m.

Sports.

See Diary on page 9.

Meetings.

To-day—Meeting of the Bank of East Asia, 3 p.m.

March 5—Annual meeting of H.K. Canton & Macao Steamboat Co., Ltd., Queen's Building, 11 a.m.

Be firm at the ball! There is a good resolution for the New Year that, if you can only stick to it, will make all the difference in your golf.—Archie Compston.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

ANNUAL RACE MEETING 1931.

February 28, March 2, 3, 4, and 7, 1931.

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Hong Kong, February 11, 1931.

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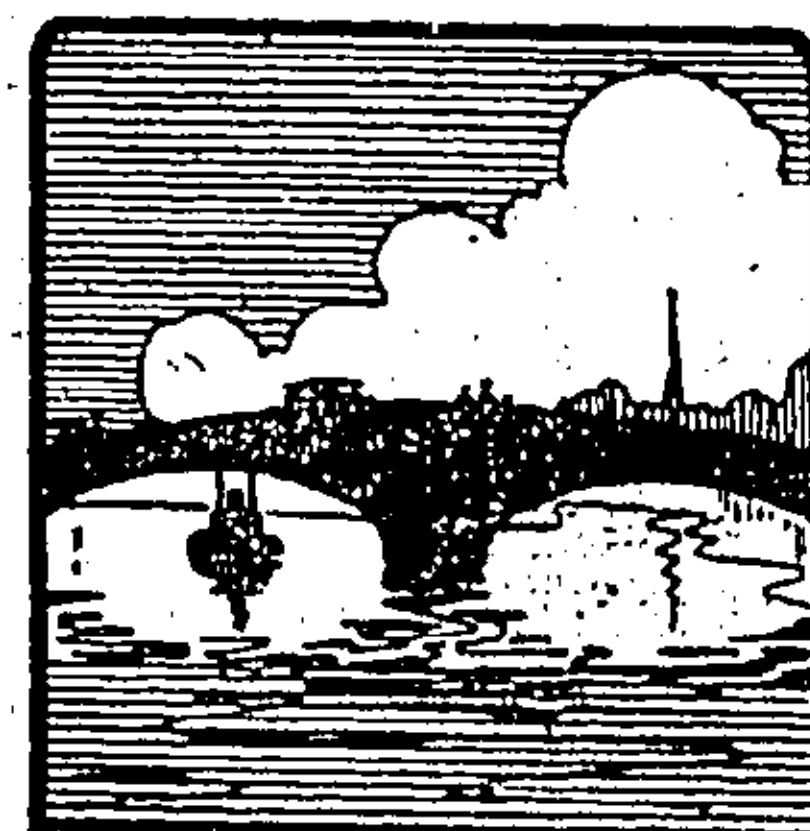
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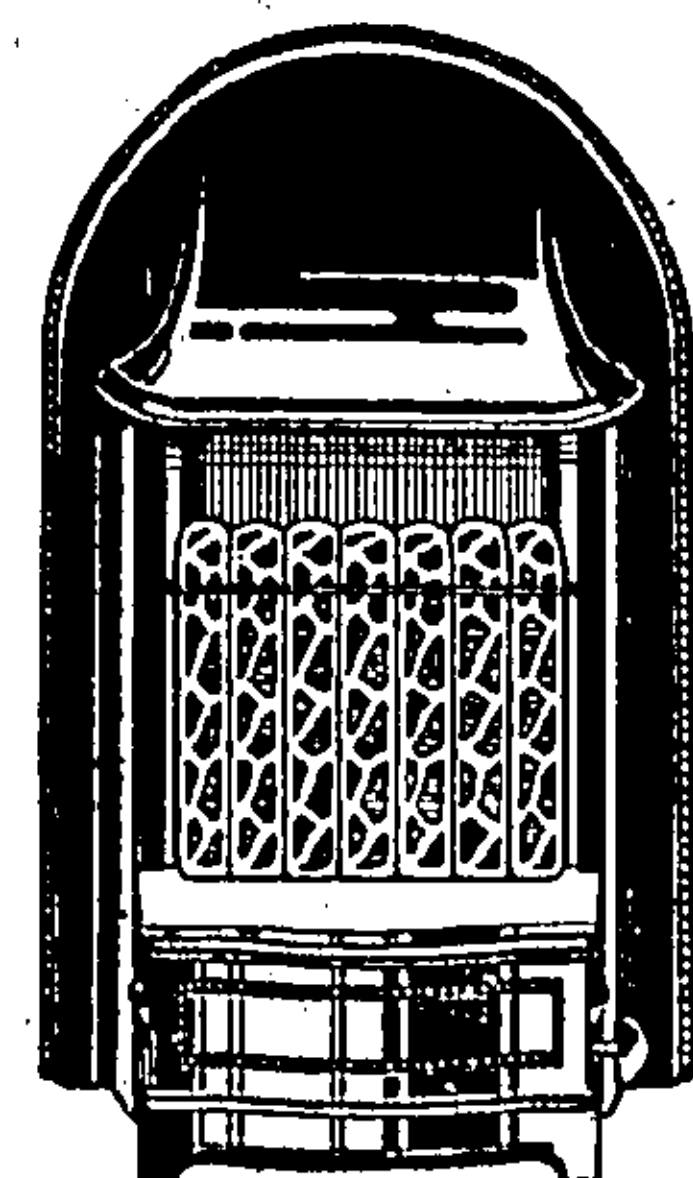
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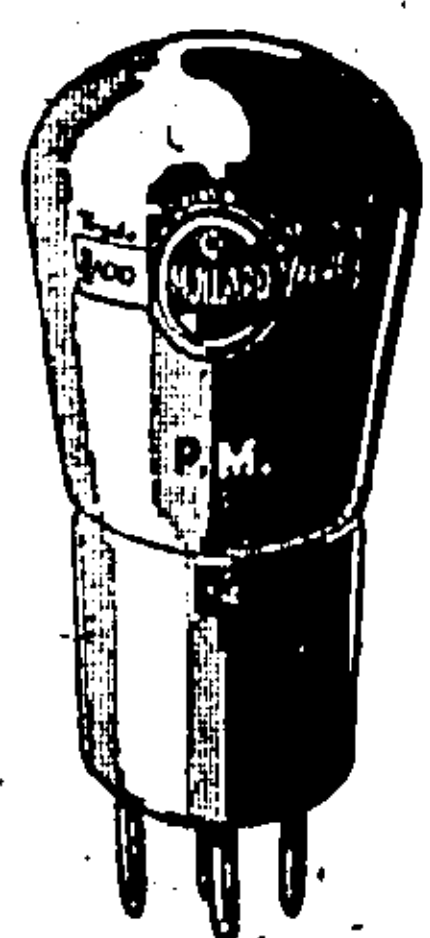
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BOYS OF LONG AGO.

SAMUEL.

He began to earn his living at the age of six, and everyone called him Sam. His mother and his two brothers worked in a coal mine, but, because Sam was such



"Sam ... began to earn his living at the age of six."

a little chap and as agile as an eel, he was hired out to his uncle who was a chimney sweep.

Sam went to London with his uncle, and thought he had got into a very exciting place. He did not like chimneys, they looked to him very dark and ugly. But he did not suppose he would get much blacker than his two little brothers, who crept into the smallest holes in the coal mines and picked out the bits which the men could not reach.

Early in the morning, Sam, his uncle, and another little boy used to go to magnificent houses where there were birds in glass cases, and tiger skins spread out on the floor. And while the other little

boy crept up the chimney and swept the soot down with his queer round brush, Sam would sit on the floor and think of the strange birds and the tiger skins.

"You'll go up the chimneys when you are six," said his uncle. And Sam nodded without thinking much about it.

One day in the middle of the afternoon, Sam and his uncle were called to a great house, but the other little boy did not come. In the hall of that house was one of the most amazing trees Sam had ever seen. It was a green fir tree, with candles on it and toys hanging down like fruit. Sam supposed it grew like that and it looked so beautiful that even his uncle gasped. Neither of them knew that it was a Christmas tree, introduced into the country by the friends of young Queen Victoria.

Sam was dazzled by that wonder tree, and when his uncle told him to go up the chimney he could not believe that the time for work had come. He cried. But his uncle called him a coward, and pushed him up. The soot burnt Sam's eyes and throat as he worked the brush up and down, but he clung with fingers and toes to the rough tricks, and the thought of seeing that wonder tree again made him scramble bravely to the top of the narrow way.

But they were told to go out by the back door, and in the street a gentleman stopped Sam, and asked him why he wept.

"I'm too black to see the tree," sobbed the little boy. "I'm six."

Now it was that gentleman who made Parliament pass a law forbidding little boys to go up chimneys. Then he sent for Sam, and asked him what trade he would like to learn. Thinking of the wonder tree, Sam said he would like to be a gardener. He became a famous gardener, too, for everything his fingers touched prospered because he always had the beauty of the Christmas Tree in mind.

THE LONELY WORKER.

On the side of a hill, picturesquely coloured by the rays of the setting-sun, a solitary worker toiled.

He struggled up the slope, so steep that it might have been called a cliff, dragging behind him a carcass, perhaps twice as large as himself, from the valley below where he had killed it.

Taking no notice of us whatever, he gamely struggled on with his tremendous burden until he reached his home. At the foot of one of its walls was an ant-hole, and at the opening of this hole he deposited his burden. Another ant then came to help him, and together they managed to get the grub into the hole, and they pushed him down to where he was to be stowed away for the coming rainy season.

SILKWORM STAMP.

Until a few years ago the world's supply of silk was obtained from the cocoon of the silkworm. But now silk is artificially produced and displaces the genuine article. The silkworm cultivators held a conference at Beirut, in Syria, and the Government, to aid the steadily declining industry, issued a special stamp, the value of which ranges from 4 to 25 piastres, and the colours being: brown, red, blue, violet, green and purple.

Only a small supply was issued, but the proceeds (deducting but the postal expenses) went to the committee of the Silk Congress. The design is a large mulberry leaf, and the various stages of life, namely, caterpillar, cocoon, and moth.

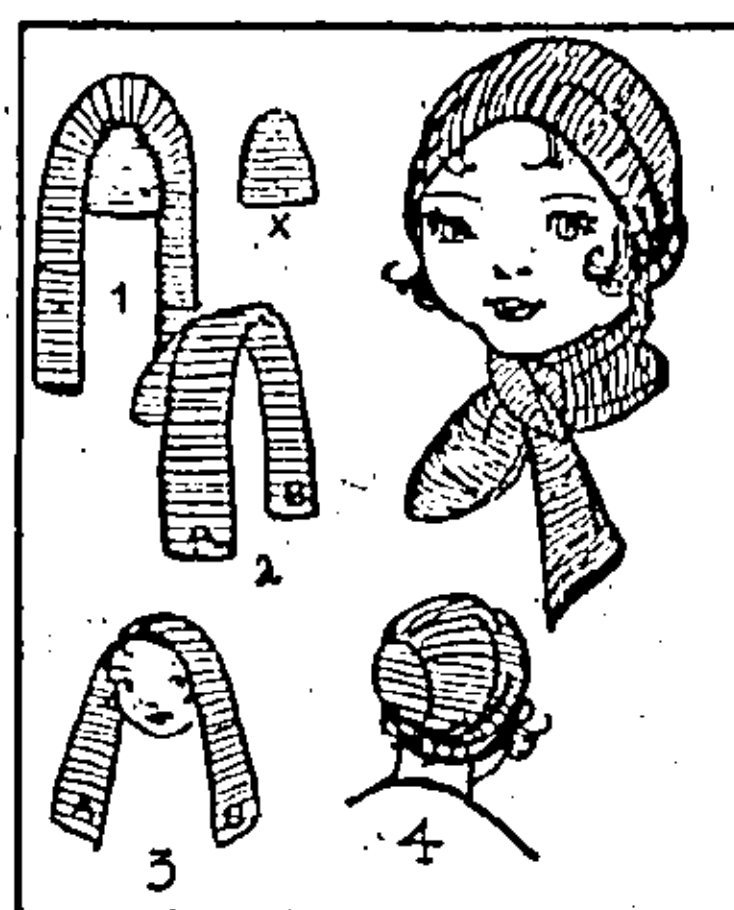
WENDY'S LITTLE DRESSMAKERS.

A Pretty Twisted Beret.

As promised last week, I am going to tell you how to make a little twisted beret, which is just the thing to wear nowadays. There are three different ways in which it can be made: you can crochet it, knit it, or make it out of a piece of stockinette material, whichever you prefer.

Two pieces are needed for the beret: one is a long strip, about thirty-six inches by eight, and the other is a triangular piece of the shape shown in Diagram X.

We'll take the beret made of stockinette first. Cut the triangle, making it five inches high, and four inches across the bot-



This pretty twisted beret is quite easy to make; Dressmaker tells you how to set about it.

tom; find the middle of the long strip and sew it to the triangle so that it looks like Diagram 1. You can either hem all the raw edges, or bind them with matching wool tape.

The beret will now look like Diagram 2. Put it on your head, like Diagram 3, and cross the long ends A and B behind your head, tucking in the ends each side. If you tuck them in firmly, there will be no fear of them becoming untwisted, and so the cap will keep on quite snugly all day. Diagram 4 shows you the back view, and I really think you'll be pleased with your work, if you do it carefully.

The knitted and crocheted caps are made in just the same way, only of course you will have to work the strip and the triangle yourself. Alternate rows of plain and purl knitting will be the best for the knitted beret, and treble crochet gives the best results for the other one. The triangle is easily made by knitting or crocheting three rows of the bottom width, then gradually decreasing up to the top point.

The measurements given can, naturally, be adapted to fit different heads, and if you like you can make a little scarf to match.

Wendy's Dressmaker.

WANTED TO KEEP IT.

Little Dick went to the village draper's to buy a tape-measure for his mother.

"How long does she want it?" asked the shopman.

Dick looked at him in surprise. "Why," he answered, "she wants to keep it."

"A STRANGE LITTLE CREATURE."

[Made up by Hilda Salmon.]

Once upon a time there lived in the lonely part of a country, a widow with her only child, a girl of seven years old, whose name was May. They had only one friend, an old lady about 70 years old. May and her mother often went to visit the lady. She was very kind, and often gave May things.

She gave May a beautiful doll which May called Rosy, for the doll had lovely rosy cheeks. One day May said to her mother: "Mummy, can I go to the lady's house and take Rosy?" Her mother said: "Yes, dear, but be careful of the bears — do not go down the lane."

So May put on her coat and hat, then she put her doll's best dress on and said good-bye to her mother and set off carrying her doll. When she had gone half way, she met a strange creature — a small man, the size of her doll, with a beard to the ground. He said: "Where are you going, May?" She said: "I am going to my friend's house. My friend is an old lady that lives at the other end of the country, in a green cottage. She is a kind lady." "Oh," he said, "I will walk all the way with you, if you don't mind."

So they went on down the road, till they came to a cottage and that was where the lady lived. They rang the bell, and the lady said: "Come in." So in they went. May said: "This is my friend, I met him down the road."

The lady said: "Hello" to him, and they made friends. After they had talked for a while, the lady made some tea, and they sat down at the table and had some tea and cakes. When they had finished the little man told them a story about himself. He said: "When I was born, I was in my mother's hands when a big bird flew down and carried me away. I lived with the bird till I grew big, when one day a witch came and made my mouth into a bird's beak. When she had gone I escaped and that's how I came here."

He went on talking till it was time for May to go home. The lady said good-bye and May went home with the man. When she got home, she told her mother about it, and the man lived with them for ever after.

DISTORTION.

Distortion always occurs in a photograph when (1) a lens of too short a focus has been used; (2) when the camera has been tilted in trying to "snap" a tall building, or copying subjects which have straight vertical lines; the lines, in such a case, being towards one end of the picture; and (3) when a single lens is used for subjects having straight marginal lines, there will appear bent outwards or inwards, according to the position of the stop in the lens.

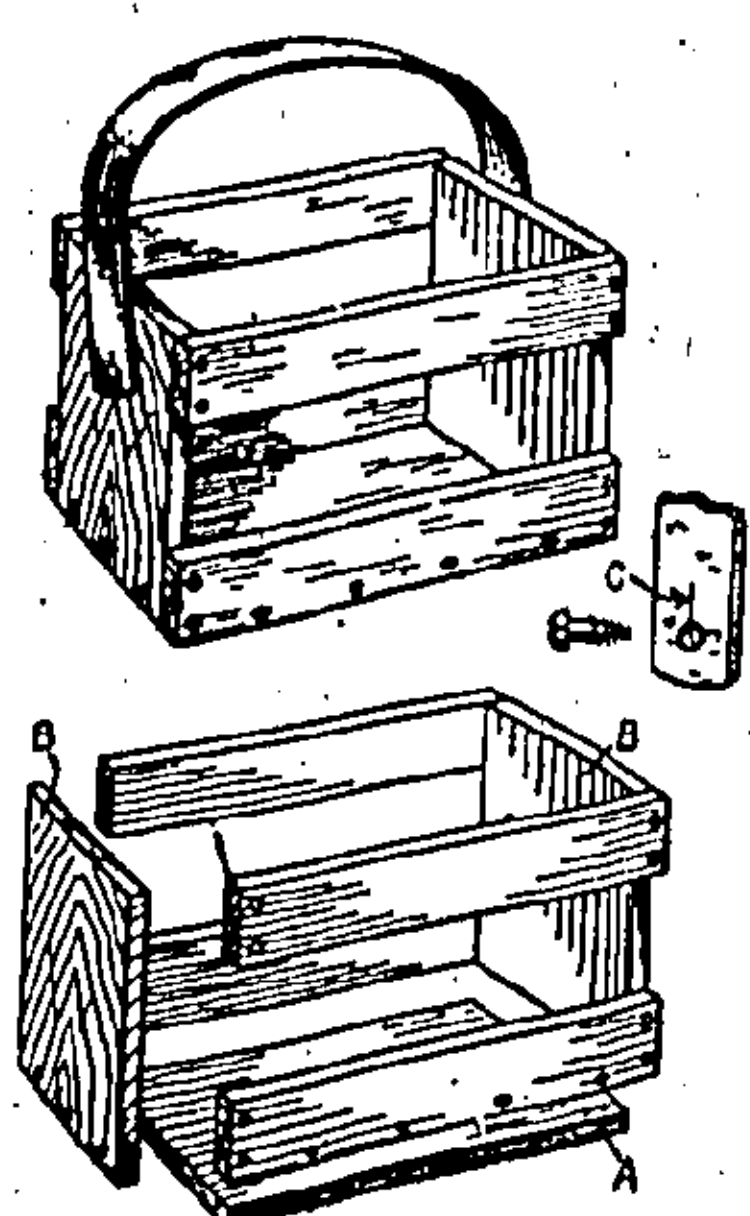
THE BILLY BOYS' WORKSHOP.

Making An Accumulator Carrier.

You can make this handy wireless accumulator carrier from odd pieces of wood about half an inch thick. No definite sizes are given as accumulators vary so much, but it should not be a difficult matter to measure your accumulator and cut the pieces of wood accordingly. The top diagram shows the finished carrier with its handle; the bottom diagram shows how the parts fit together.

The bottom part A should be a quarter of an inch longer and wider than the accumulator. The two ends B.B. should be the same width as the bottom part, and half an inch more in height than the accumulator. The four side strips can be a little less than one-third the height of the end pieces in width.

In fixing the parts together, screw the two ends to the bottom with three screws in each, as shown in the diagram. See that the ends are quite square with the bottom. The four side strips are fixed in position by two screws in each end. At a quarter of an inch from the bottom edges of the lower side strips, make four holes with a bradawl right through into the bottom part of the carrier. Then drive four screws in each side. Counter-sunk screws should be used throughout, so that all the holes must be countersunk with a rose-



These sketches show the finished accumulator carrier, and the parts before they are assembled.

bit before inserting the screws. For the handle, obtain a piece of stout leather strap, about one inch wide and twice as long as the carrier. At half an inch from each end of the strap, bore a hole large enough to take the stem of a stout round-headed screw about five eighths of an inch long. Screw the strap to the sides of the carrier, as shown in the first diagram, after making a slit C, in the strap with a sharp knife. This will enable the strap to be slipped off at any time without removing the screws.

To finish the carrier, take off the leather handle and give all the work a coating of dark oak varnish stain.

The Hut Carpenter.

WENDY'S LITTLE COOKS.

Shortbread Fingers.

Cream together in a basin a quarter of a pound of butter or margarine and two tablespoonsful of granulated sugar, using a wooden spoon for beating. Work in gradually half a pound of self-raising flour. Mix well, turn on to a board, roll out the pastry once, and cut it into fingers.

Have ready a sheet of greased paper, or a flat greased tin, place the fingers on this, prick them with a fork, and decorate each with a nice long slice of candied peel. Cook in a moderate oven to a golden brown colour.

A DOG STORY.

From Hungary comes a story about an Alsatian dog. Her owner sold her to a neighbour across the river Rhine. At first she showed no dislike to the change, but after some weeks had elapsed she had five fine puppies, and the new home didn't seem as good as the old home where she had been so long, so she decided to undo what had been done.

One night, after waiting till every one but herself had gone to bed, she caught up the nearest puppy and swam across the river, depositing it in her old kennel. In the morning her old master discovered her beaming with "smiles," with all the five puppies around her. Touched by her action, he arranged that she and her family should remain with him.

It is the same "house" feeling that causes many a family Christmas gathering, and the spirit of "Home, Sweet Home" is very much in evidence in consequence.

TINK'S CROSS WORD PUZZLE.

The little fellow pictured by the side of last week's puzzle was the Fairy Post Man. His title was hidden in the puzzle, full solution of which is:—

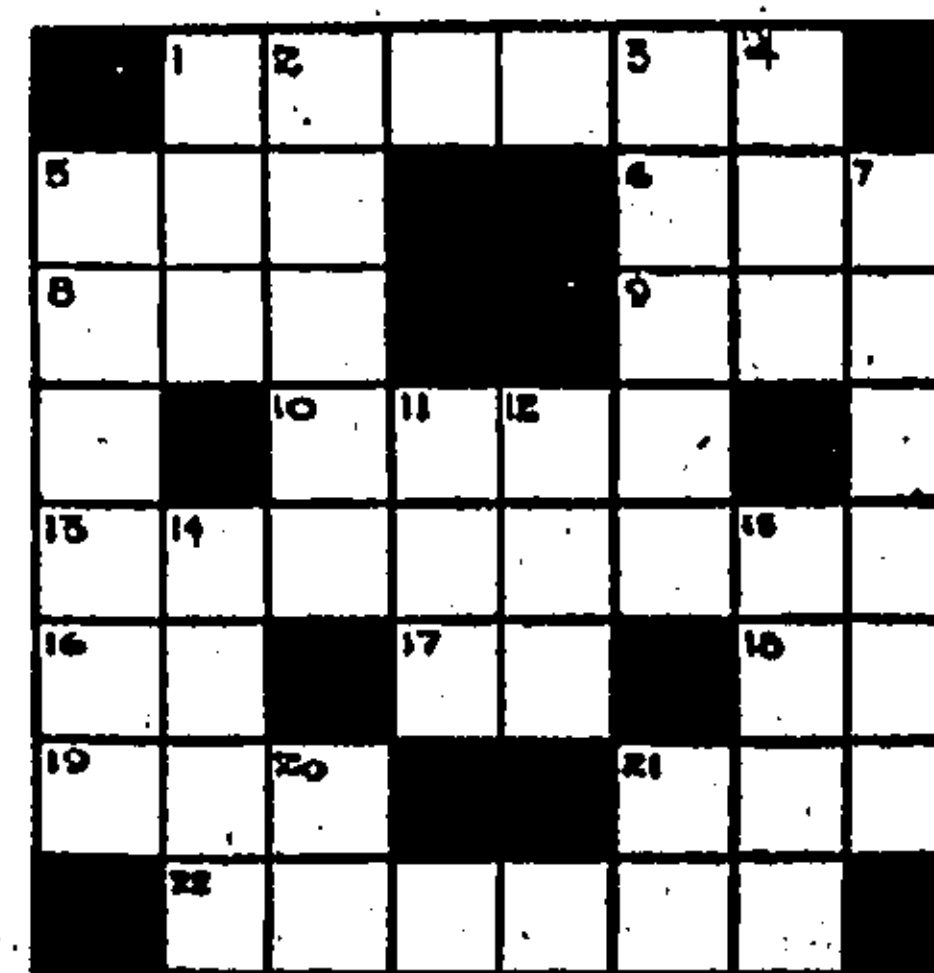
Across.

2. First part of hidden name .. (Fairy).
6. Number (One).
8. Every one (All).
10. Tidings (News).
12. Mimics (Apes).
13. Preposition (To).
14. What you hear with (Ear).
16. "Thank you" (Ta).
17. The ground (Earth).
19. Married lady's title (Mrs).
21. ... Baba (All).
23. Second part of hidden name .. (Post).
24. Region (Area).
25. Afternoon meal (Tea).
27. Third part of hidden name .. (Man).
28. Sailors' stories (Yarns).

Down.

1. Disdain (Contempt).
2. Not many (Few).
3. Part of verb "to be" (Is).
4. Snappy bark (Yap).
5. Large breed of dog (Alsatian).
7. Meaning "new" or "modern" .. (Neo).
9. Permit (Let).
11. Ocean (Sea).
12. Skill (Art).
15. Part of verb "to be" (Are).
17. A literary composition (Essay).
18. Injures (Harms).
20. Small kind of deer (Roe).
22. Meadow (Lea).
26. Conjunction (Or).

Here's something fresh for a change. If you look very carefully at the drawing beside the puzzle, you will probably be able to think of the word we have hidden.



What English word does this represent?

Clues:—

Across.

1. Terrified.
5. Tree.
6. A quantity.
8. Girl's name.
9. Devoured.
10. Examine closely.
13. Hidden word.
16. Musical note.
17. To live.
18. You and I.
19. Historical period.
21. Pronoun.
22. Looks with wide-open eyes.

Down.

1. Help.
2. Grip.
3. Slope.
4. Add up.
5. Violin.
7. Offer.
11. Carriage.
12. Part of verb "to be".
14. Organ of hearing.
15. Animals.
20. Preposition.
21. Pronoun.

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Australian life reads very like a
first attempt at story telling on a
large scale. There is no doubt
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observer of the surroundings
amongst which he has moved, and
that he has a definite ability for
creating whatever atmosphere he
wishes. He has, however, not ac-
quired the art of welding his
separate situations into one con-
certed whole; for instance, the
camp fire scene on the gold fields
is very well depicted; the indi-
vidual stories told by the diggers
are each excellent; but on reading
it as a whole one does not get the
idea of an evening spent story-
telling round the camp fire. One
rather feels that the author has
come across a few good stories
and has merely pushed them into
this chapter one after the other;
the effect is the same as that pro-
duced by a number of individuals
stepping on to a stage, in rotation,
and each reading out a story hand-
ed to him just before he appears.
Undoubtedly the author is keen
to the best advantage where he
deals with the life on the gold
fields, especially where the last
days of a lost prospector are de-
picted. But, on the whole, one
must say it is a book of interest-
ing scenes well painted, through
which runs a cleverly conceived
but not too obvious plot. The
book describes a part of life
which, though lending itself great-
ly to the artistic pen, is far too
seldom dealt with by capable au-
thors.

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prospectus of the company states
that the chief topic of discussion in
literary and publishing circles dur-
ing the last two or three months

has been the "dollar novel," the
first examples of which are now
being issued in the United States
of America.

"The American experiment," it
is added, "is admittedly the result
of a probably unexampled period
of bad trade. Everywhere, during
the Spring and Summer, the travel-
lers of the great New York publish-
ing houses have encountered what
is graphically described as 'sales
resistance.' The public showed a
steady disinclination to buy novels
at \$2 or \$2.50; knowing this, the
booksellers refused to give their
customers 'subscription' for such
novels. The American publisher
saw no solution but the cutting of
prices.

"In England, on the other hand,
publishers have suffered less, prob-
ably, than any other kind of trader
by the prevalent depression. In
fact, to be frank, it is doubtful whe-
ther, on balance, publishers have
really suffered at all. The reason
for the difference is, of course, to
be found in the widespread organ-
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care will be taken with the com-
position and press work; and the
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opaque, and durable. The covers
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no published price, and may not be
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as "ex-library" copies.

Bookseller's Attitude.
Inquiries among booksellers in
London show a cordial attitude in
the trade towards the new enter-
prise. The success of the scheme,
it was pointed out, would depend
on the quality of the works published.
If they were good the reduced price
would probably result in a largely
increased number of buyers of
books. It was stated that, except-
ing the works of authors of reputa-
tion and books of high merit there
has been a falling off in the sales
of novels published at 7s. 6d. dur-
ing the last two or three years.
The public were showing greater
discrimination in the purchase of
books and instead of making pur-
chases, were more and more using
the circulating libraries to meet
requirements for fiction.

A prominent member of the book-
selling trade, stated that of the ma-
jority of novels published the cir-
culating libraries take 80 per cent,
and occasionally more of the total
print. His opinion was that there
is a large number of people who
are not in the habit of buying books
or taking them from libraries, who
will be induced to purchase novels
when they are sold at 3s. At the
same time, the demand upon the
circulating libraries is not likely to
decrease. "The new scheme," he
added, "should be of advantage to
the good author, and from all
points of view the reduction in
price is a move in the right
direction.

Returning to camp, the boys were
soon to be seen delving into a
hearty tiffin—bully beef, bread, but-
ter and jam. It might be mention-
ed that the Commissioner brought
a tin of Del Monte fruit salad for
the S.M., A.S.M. and himself, but
when it was opened, the Scouts
kindly volunteered to finish its con-
tents! During tiffin the Commis-
sioner took a "movie tone" of the
lads.

Camp was struck at 3.30 in the
afternoon, and group photographs
of the boys were taken by the padre.
With the assistance of the Macao
boys, the journey back to the wharf
at Macao was made quite easy, and
by four o'clock all were aboard, in-
cluding Mr. Borges, who was ac-
companied by Mrs. Borges and the
Scouts.

On the deck of the Venezia, Mr.
Dormer said that the St. Andrew's
boys would agree with him that
they had had a most wonderful
time. He thanked Mr. Borges, the
Rovers and Scouts of Macao for
their untiring and unstinting help
in making the camp the success it
was, and he hoped that St. Andrew's
would be able to repay the Macao
troop their kindness. (Applause).

Replying, Mr. Borges, expressed
gratitude to St. Andrew's troop for
their visit, and said that the visit
helped to tie the knot of friendship
in the brotherhood of Scouts. He
hoped that that would not be St.
Andrew's last visit, but the begin-
ning of a series of visits. Three
hearty cheers were then called for
Mr. and Mrs. Borges, and as the
Venezia sounded her whistle to
leave for Hong Kong, the St.
Andrew's troop joined in, heartily,
singing "For they are jolly good
fellows," and lusty cheering.

The camp will go down in the
history of St. Andrew's troop, not
only as being the first visit of the
troop to a foreign Troop, but as its
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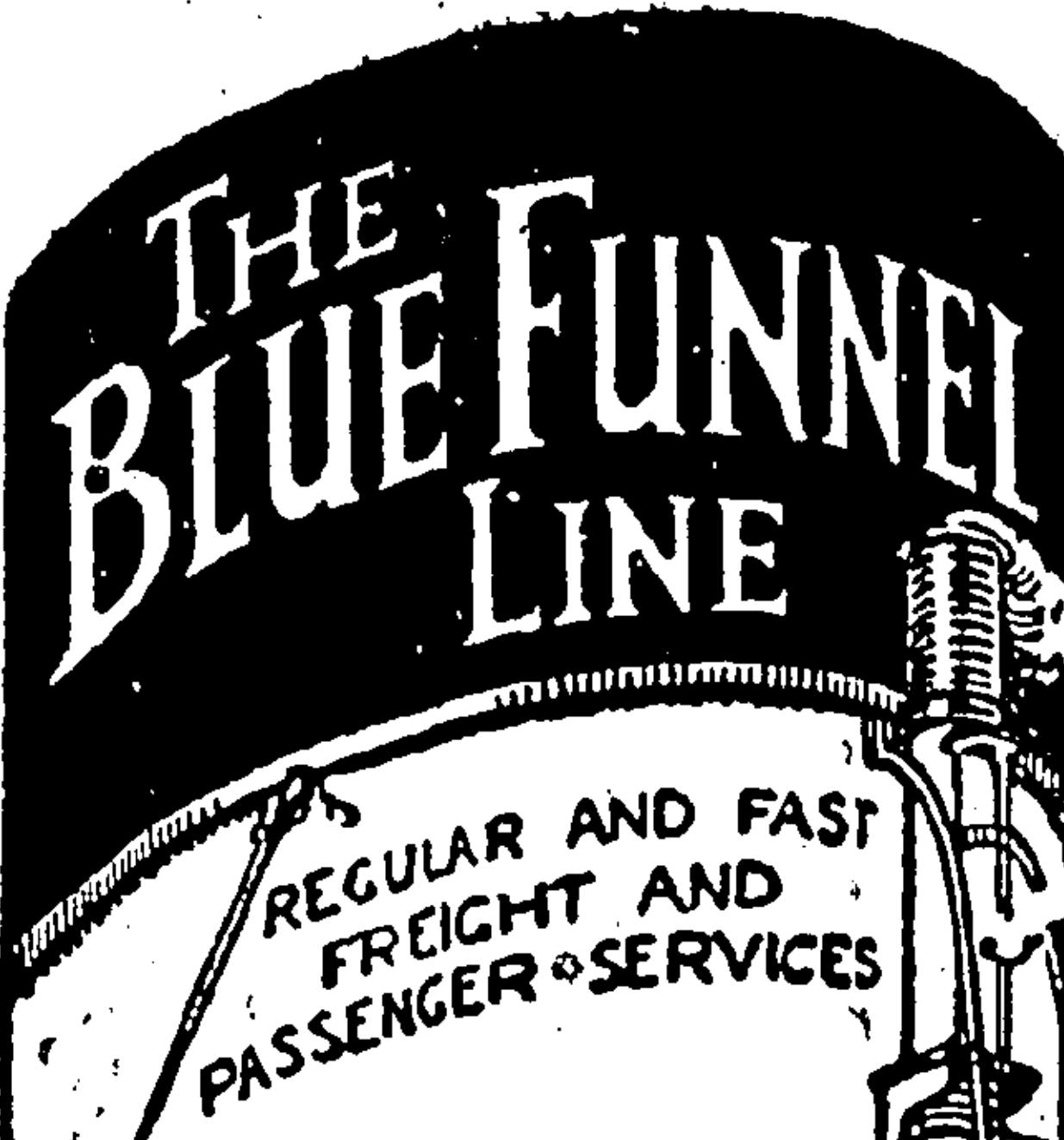
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This fine achievement has been made possible by the untiring efforts of Mr. A. Alton, a member of the local Flying Club, assisted by a staff of mechanics and carpenters.

The plane, when compared with the Moths of the Bombay Flying Club, looks a pigmy, but flies splendidly. It is a tiny single-seater monoplane, with a wing span of only 24 feet, but it is capable of doing over 70 miles an hour.

An idea of its size can be gained when it is learned that the cockpit is so small that an average-sized man finds some difficulty in climbing in, and when he is seated inside, his head and shoulders are almost on a level with the top of the wing. The engine is a twin-cylindered 32 h.p. A. B. C. Scorpion, with an average cruising speed of 60 miles an hour.

In a test flight, the little plane, piloted by Mr. Alton, behaved splendidly. He took it up to a good height, circled low, climbed, banked and landed perfectly.

The Empress of Asia which is fixed to leave Hong Kong on April 10, will sail at 6 a.m. on account of tide conditions in Shanghai.

GOOD SERVICE PENSIONS.

Admiral Who Served With Distinction.

The Good Service Pensions of £300 a year, one of which has been granted to Admiral Sir Lewis Bayly, K.C.B. K.C.M.G. C.V.O., have lately been given to Admirals who served with special distinction during the late War, and not by seniority.

Sir Lewis Bayly will be remembered for his services in command of a squadron of the Grand Fleet during the early part of the War, and later as the Admiral Commanding at Queenstown, where in 1917-18 he had American forces co-operating with him. Many indications have been given of the respect and admiration felt for Sir Lewis by the United States officers and men.

Admiral the Hon. Sir Alexander Bethell, who commanded the Channel Fleet in 1915 and was Commander-in-Chief at Plymouth in 1916-18; Admiral Sir Thomas Jerram, who led the line of the Battle Fleet at Jutland; and Admiral the Hon. Sir Stanley Colville, who was in command of the naval bases in the Orkneys and also Commander-in-Chief at Portsmouth during the War, are other officers who have been granted Good Service Pensions.

There are 10 such pensions available for flag officers; 18 for captains, four for engineer officers, three for medical officers, three for accountant officers, and 10 for Royal Marines.

WOMEN LABOUR.

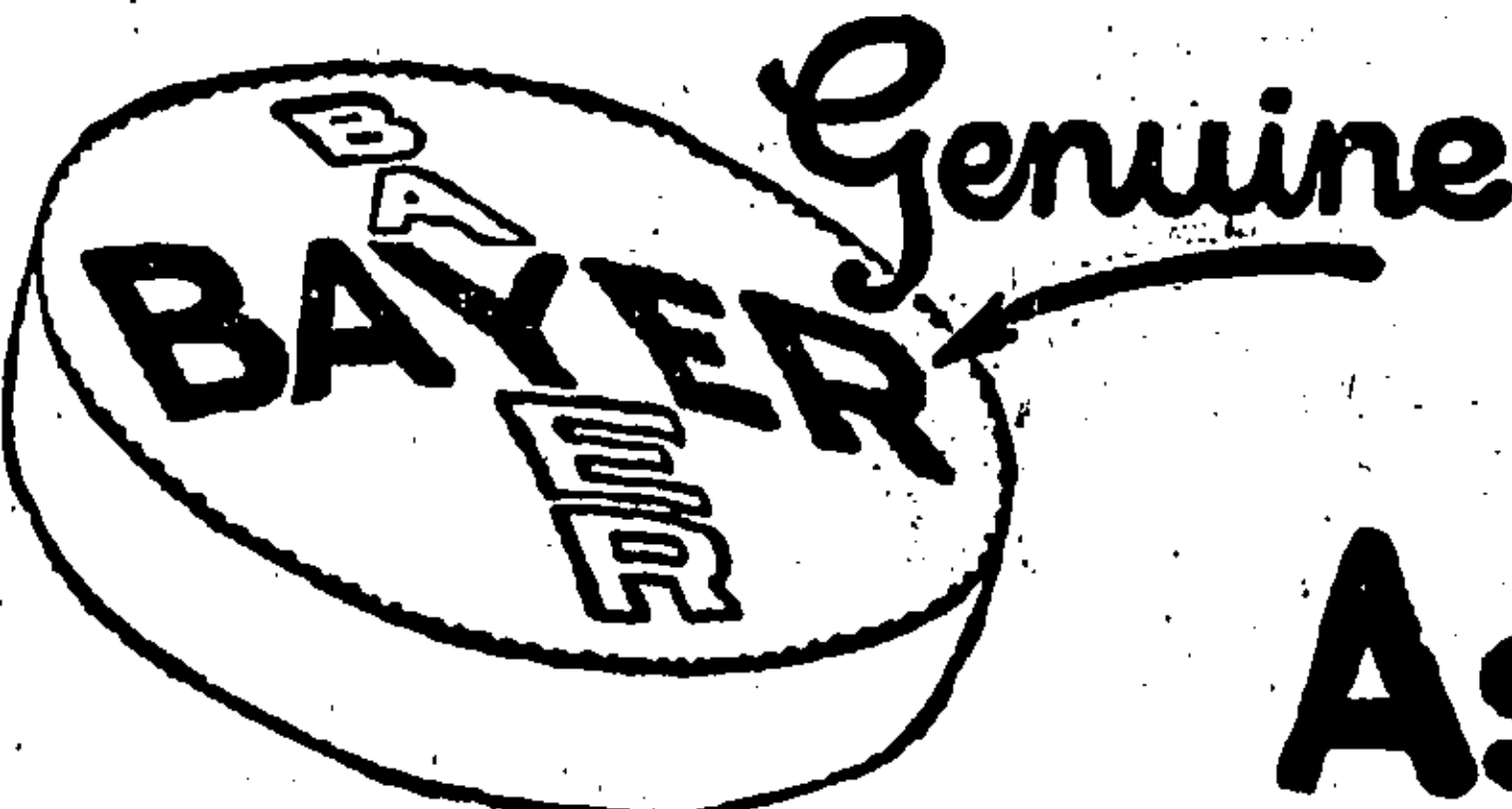
STILL FACING SHORTAGE. DECLARE LEADERS.

Moscow, Jan. 5.
Pravda, official organ of the Communist Party, urged the recruiting of women as one means of solving the Soviet Union's growing labour shortage problem, the paper declaring that more than 2,000,000 additional workers were needed in 1931 to carry out the huge projects of the five year plan.

"That women are available" said a recent editorial, "is shown by the fact that there are more than 5,000,000 wives, daughters and mothers in the cities alone who are engaged exclusively in household duties. Attraction of women into production by training them in various specialties with a solution of the public feeding problem, establishment of additional nurseries and kindergartens for children, etc., would be a large step forward in solving the labour problem," the paper said.

"Finally, abolition of all elements of economic inequality between men and women which still exists as a heritage of the past should be sought."

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